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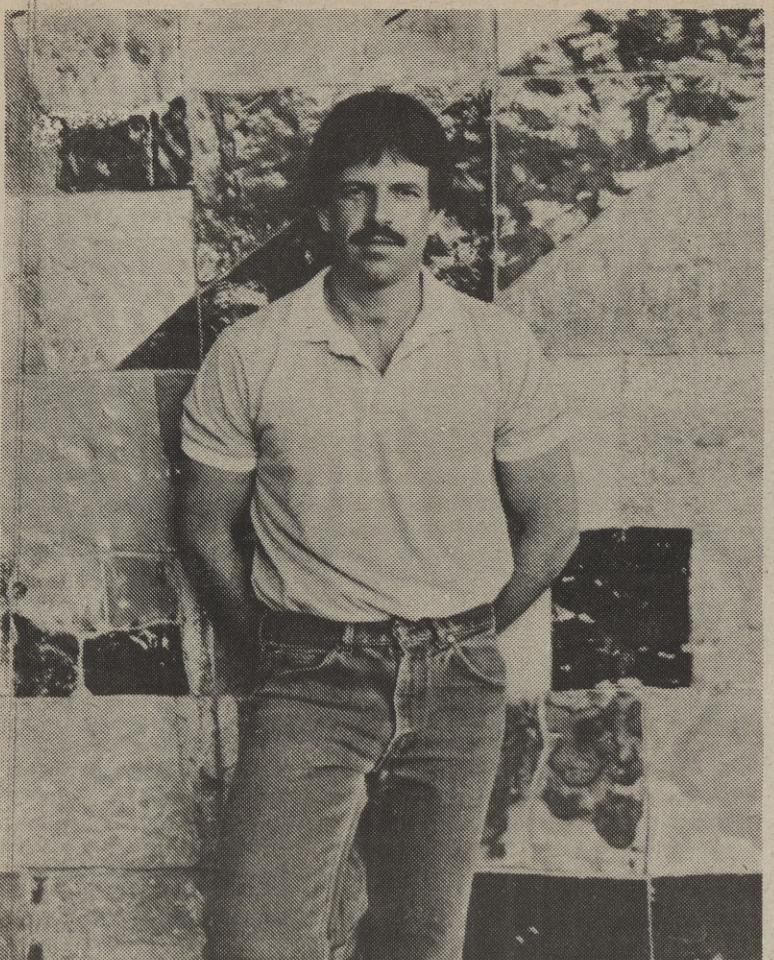
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## Dignify Us With A Response!

by Vic Basile

Executive Director  
Human Rights Campaign Fund

We've all heard the familiar retort, "I wouldn't dignify that with a response." Its use generally signifies one of two reactions. Either an allegation has been made that is so outrageous it merits nothing more than dismissal, or one feels cornered by a statement and can come up with no effective defense. In either case, the refusal to respond puts an end to discussion of a subject, and a meeting of the minds is impossible.

In a battle of wits and wills, the refusal to respond is a tactic. Such a battle now seems to be going on between members of the gay and lesbian community and the United States Supreme Court. It's a battle which has already produced several skirmishes, and which promises a few more before it's over.

In February, the Supreme Court decided it would not hear the case of an Ohio guidance counselor who was dismissed from her job because she acknowledged her bisexuality to some of her co-workers. The case had been argued before various lower courts for more than a decade. The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case lets stand the ruling of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals which overturned a previous court ruling in favor of the guidance counselor. The court had ruled that the counselor's admission of her sexual practices had not disrupted the

school environment as the school had claimed, and that the school had violated the female counselor's right to free speech and equal protection by firing her.

This column does not intend to argue the merits of this particular case as they pertain to the guidance counselor and the school system. What is the most troubling aspect of the Supreme Court's decision is the red flag it raises with respect to the future settlement of gay-rights cases.

The Court has steadfastly refused to hear cases involving the violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians. The Court turns a deaf ear to them as if to say these cases and that issue will go away. As if to say the issue at stake is too preposterous to take up the Court's time, they refuse to dignify it with a response.

What the conservative majority on the Court is really saying with its refusal to hear gay civil-rights cases is that it refuses to dignify the gay community with an acknowledgement that it is entitled to a hearing on the on-going injustices it suffers. "Gay civil rights" is not a concept with which the Court is prepared to deal. The need for a direct legal precedent on an issue of direct importance to at least 10% of the nation's population doesn't exist. To the

Court, gay people themselves seem not to exist, let alone discrimination against them.

To be fair, it must be pointed out that the Court did agree to hear arguments in the case of *The Board of Education of the City of Oklahoma vs. The National Gay Rights Task Force*. But that case was unusual in the sense that it dealt with an established state law which set specific legal policy with regard to gay people. The Court, deadlocked and ruling without a written opinion, voted 4 to 4 to affirm a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals that an Oklahoma law permitting the dismissal of a teacher for "advocating" or "encouraging" homosexuality violated the free-speech provision of the First Amendment.

Yet there are hundreds of cases throughout the nation which have been "judged" against gays and lesbians on the basis of prejudiced evaluation of ambiguous laws. The danger in the Court's refusal to hear the Ohio case is that it opens the door to other employers who want to dismiss gay and lesbian employees and who now see the Court's decision as an invitation to do just that.

No aspiring prizefighter expects to become champion without suffering a few knockouts. But even to get knocked out, the fighter has to have a round or

two in the boxing ring. The progress of the gay civil-rights movement has been more than hampered by the Court's refusal to consider our arguments—it's stopped cold.

The Court, as is customary, gave no explanation for its decision. But in a dissenting opinion, Justices Brennan and Marshall argued that gay civil rights is an "issue of national importance that cannot any longer be ignored." Would that their fellow justices agreed. The Court's refusal to hear the Ohio case and others like it is worse than a decision against us. The refusal represents an attitude that strips us of our dignity and shuns us as a community with no claim to civil rights.

But there is that second reason why someone would refuse to respond—the recognition that there is no rebuttal to the charge. We in the gay civil-rights movement, and our supporters, know there is no rebuttal to the charge of discrimination against us. There is only justice. And there can be no justice served until the injustice is acknowledged. It is the ultimate irony and insult that the United States Supreme Court can't understand that.

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The 2000-member Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI), based in Washington, D.C., will give the organization's "Image In Media" award to newspaper advice columnist, Abigail Van Buren. Last year, television show host Phil Donahue received the award.

In making the announcement, the organization noted that Van Buren, writing her column as "Dear Abby" since 1959, has given support to thousands of gay men in parenting roles.

Writing her nationally syndicated column for more than 1000 newspapers around the world, Dear Abby reaches over 80 million readers daily. Many of her letters deal with gay-related subjects, and her accepting and informative answers have helped open the minds of the world to the issues of gay parenting.

From her Beverly Hills, California home, Ms. Van Buren said that she would accept the GFCI's "Image In Media" award in person during a dinner in her honor, on opening day of the GFCI's 6th Annual World Conference on May 31 in Los Angeles.

The Conference is being held over a three-day weekend at the Marriott Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport and is expected to attract about 600 gay men and women, educators and professionals.

**Book About Lesbian  
Nuns Banned**

A recently published book entitled *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence* has caused a furor in Boston.

The book about 51 nuns was just reaching store shelves approximately a month ago when the Rev. Peter Conley, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, learned about it. He saw an article in the Boston Globe reporting that an interview with the authors would be broadcast by Channel 4, the NBC affiliate in Boston. He was not amused.

"I have no problem that anyone who knows us as the church knows that we are frail," said Conley. "We know sin. But it is the sensationalism that I object to." He wrote to the Vice President and General Manager of Channel 4, saying that the program "would be an affront to the sensitivity of Roman Catholics." As a result, the program was cancelled.

Then all hell broke loose. The news services picked up the story of the banning of the nuns. In Tallahassee, the President of Naiad Press, which published the book, reported that the company was delighted by all the telephone calls from reporters. "The fallout from that was immediate," she said. "If they wanted to kill the book, all they had to do was keep their mouth shut. The Roman Catholic Church many years ago realized that one of the dumbest things they were doing was banning books."

The authors subsequently appeared on the Phil Donohue Show, and Warner Books has bought the mass distribution paperback rights for a six-figure sum and will begin retailing it next year.

"A book like this will go into supermarkets and drugstores and terminals all over the country," said Mark Greenberg, President of the Warner in-house advertising agency. "We are not counting on controversy with the church, but if it's there, it's there. And it's going to sell books."

**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor:

The USA seems to entering a new age of repression. But, given what we have heard from parents in England, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, this repression does not seem to be unique to the USA.

Parents are losing custody of their children because the powers-that-be object to alternate lifestyles—even when those lifestyles are kept separate from, and have no direct effect on, the children.

"The Parent SIG" (SIG means Special Interest Group) would now like to start a special newsletter that deals with loss of custody, and we need input from many other concerned parents. Please send your suggestions to: The Parent SIG, 2483 Emerson Drive, Corona, CA 91720, USA.

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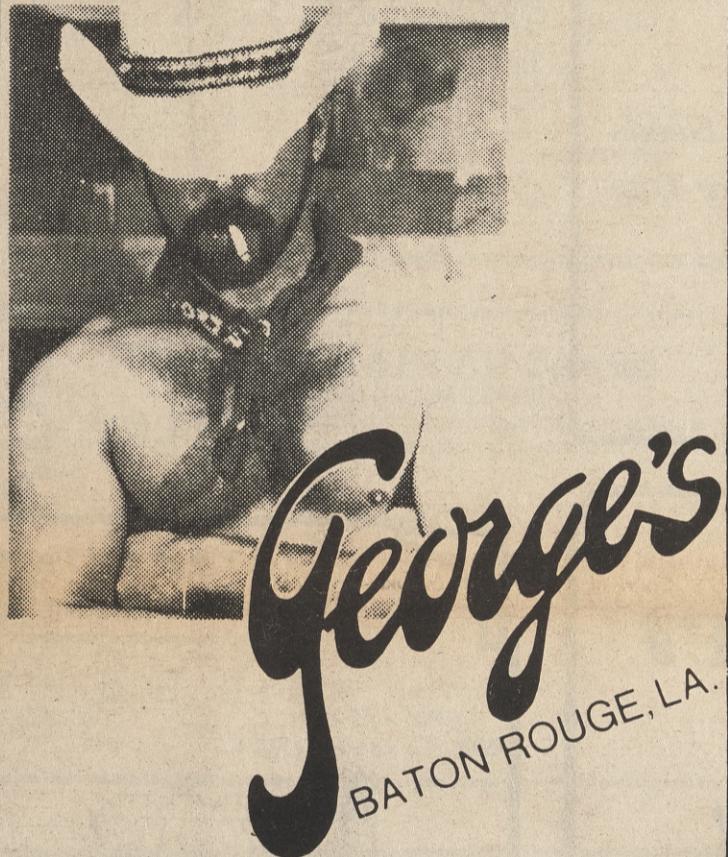
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## Gay Parents OK

A report presented in Chicago recently at the first International Symposium on Parenting concluded that there is no indication that being gay and being an effective parent are incompatible.

The conclusions are the result of two years of research on the part of three University of New Mexico family studies and education specialists, Dr. Polly Turner, Associate Professor in the Department of Family Studies, Dr. Mary Harris, Professor of Educational Foundations, and graduate student Lynn Scadden. The results will be published in both the *Journal of Homosexuality and Parenting Studies*.

It is estimated that twenty million men and women throughout the United States are gay; and of these, it is believed that 20% of the men and 35% of the women will be married at least once during their lives, producing children in 50% of the marriages.

Even though married lesbian women and gay men comprise such a large seg-

ment of the population, few studies exist that deal with the problems and advantages of being such a parent.

The study discovered that gay and non-gay male subjects exhibited no differences in their problem-solving capabilities, recreational skills, and knowledge of problems dealing with children. Gay fathers, however, demonstrated greater tendency to nurture their children, were less traditional in over-all paternal attitudes, and related themselves more positively in their paternal role than their non-gay counterparts. Gay fathers seem to be less authoritarian, use less corporal punishment than heterosexual fathers, and express the desire to rear children with non-sexist, egalitarian values.

Lesbian mothers were found to be more similar than different from heterosexual mothers. There appeared to be very little difference between the two groups' encouragement of their children's sex-role traits and behaviors. Lesbians used fewer rules of conduct for both female and male children and rated

their perceptions about boys and girls as more similar than dissimilar.

It was found that more heterosexual parents live alone, while a greater number of gay and lesbian parents live with a lover. Child care, considered by many single heterosexual parents to be a problem, is not thought to be so by lesbian and gay parents.

The greatest difference between heterosexual and homosexual parents is the heterosexual parents of the study group made more of an effort to provide a role model of the opposite sex from themselves for their children.

Both lesbian mothers and gay fathers indicated that their children accepted the news of their homosexuality better than their spouses did.

All responses of the children to their parents' homosexuality are not accepting or even indifferent, but the evidence suggests that it is less important to children than society would have us believe.

## HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNY

by Dr. Pat Larr

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21): Be careful! What you see isn't always what you'll get. That big bulge you see may only be his wallet.

**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 20): You've always gotten a charge out of someone with a big bank account. Now someone with a small trust fund compounds your interest.

**CANCER** (Jun 21-Jul 22): Time to concentrate on that enduring relationship. You've let things slide much too long. Now's the time to get things swinging again.

**LEO** (Jul 23-Aug 22): Has your bedroom turned into the "bored room"? Someone new slips between your sheets mid-month to blanket you with romance.

**VIRGO** (Aug 23-Sep 22): What'll it be? Another Old Fashioned or another old-fashioned romance? Hit the bars, but not the bottle, and you could find what you're looking for.

**LIBRA** (Sep 23-Oct 22): A fading romance suddenly makes the earth tremble for you again. Yes, old faithful gushes to life once more. Enjoy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23-Nov 22): A handshake instead of a kiss? That potential love affair you've had your eye on just wants to be friends. Look elsewhere for grand passion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21): Looking for someone swell who'll really make you swell? Someone right under your nose may finally get under your skin.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20): Now is the time for a showdown with that special someone. Come out fighting, but then you always were a straight shooter.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19): Everyone's after your bod. Aries figures in your romantic plans. Try not to expose your shortcomings.

**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20): A big bundle is headed your way, but it's up to you to decide if you want it in your bank account or in your bed. Either way, you'll have a bundle of fun.

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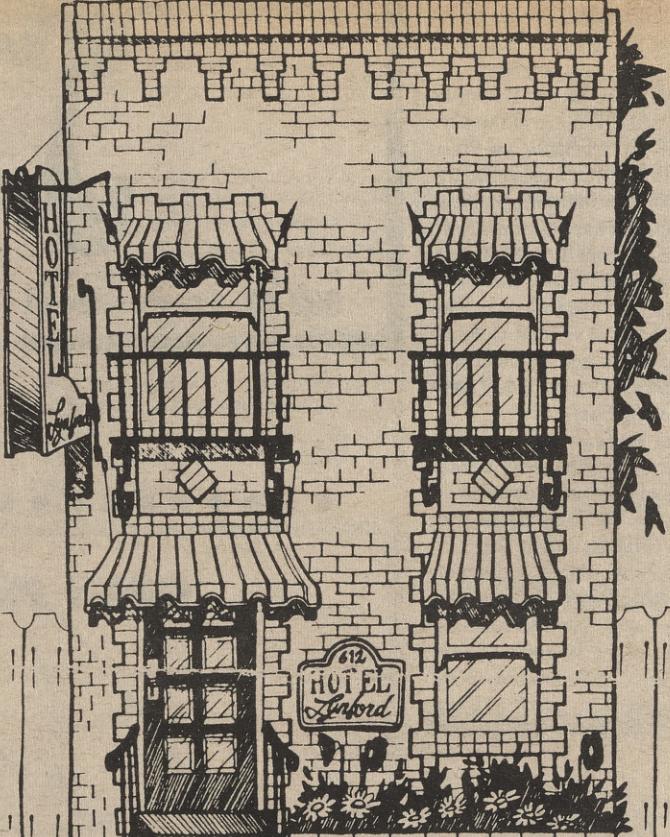
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by Philip E. Ewoldsen

I recently gave a speech on the negative effects of unemployment on an individual's self-concept. The more I thought about it, the more convinced I became that the negative effects of being gay/lesbian in our society can have an even more detrimental effect on an individual's self-concept.

We live in a homophobic society. We are put down, discriminated against, denied equal access/protection by the law, the brunt of a million jokes, denied the right to affirm our relationships; and we often end up feeling powerless, worthless, helpless, and loveless. We too often allow society to victimize us and end up "buying into" the negative gay/lesbian messages of society and condemning ourselves. From a mental-health perspective, that is destructive.

What we need is a ground swell of courage for each and every one of us in the gay/lesbian community, so that we can begin developing more positive gay/lesbian identities in our anti-gay society. But that takes hard work. We have to deprogram ourselves. We need to regurgitate all the anti-gay toxic messages we have swallowed before they destroy us from the inside, and replace them with new understandings of ourselves—positive understandings. We too are people of worth; we too are capable of living with truth and integrity and love; we too are intelligent, creative human beings; we too are moral, responsible people; we too are worthy of our place in the sun. What I'm trying to say is that it is ok to be gay/lesbian; that being gay/bisexual/heterosexual are all equally valuable outcomes on the sexual spectrum; that we are the equals of everyone else.

Look around. In the past 15 years, we have made tremendous strides toward the equality we deserve; and we can take pride in what has been done and find hope in that progress for tomorrow. Look around; more and more people are coming out—politicians, bank officers, athletes, salespeople, teachers, corporate executives, scientists, hair dressers, assembly-line workers. And when any one of them comes out, we all benefit, for our self-concept grows as we discover the ever-expanding population of our family. And our society is forced to deal in new ways with its homophobia as individual people are forced to deal with their friends who disclose themselves; and those people can never be the same again because a familiar face has been put on the unknown prejudice.

You and I, we deserve the best; but that will only happen as we develop even more positive self-identities. As we grow in ourselves that translates over into growth for all our people. It's a vicious circle; negative feeds negative and breeds destruction; or, positive feeds positive and breeds health and happiness and growth.

The choice is yours; to begin accepting yourself and finding ways to grow in your gay/lesbian identity, to get involved with others in our gay/lesbian family in making ours a better world—or to retreat into silence, to pull the walls of your closet ever tighter around you—and to suffocate in the heat of your own self-hatred.

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## THE KITCHEN FAIRY

### THE FAGHETTI WESTERN

Howdy, all you buckarubies! Tie up your hoss (or whomever) and set a spell.

My dears, last month I was so under the weather, being struck down in my prime by an absolutely miserable case of the flu, that it was all I could do to work the remote for the telly. Sorry about missing my column, but the mere thought of eating—and I mean anything—was enough to make my wand go limp! So I spent my time catching up on that form of divertissement known, to those of us in the know, as the Faghetti Western. As you may or may not know, the best of these come from Italy. And, honey, those bowlegged Italian roughriders are positively dripping macho. I mean, they really know how to cowboy it. (After all, Italy is famous for its leather, so their chaps are positively divine!)

These butch and brazen broncobusters can bust my bronco anytime. They have a ventriloquist's mastery of the English language, so while their voices say "no, no," their lips say "si, si." They'd rather mount a stallion than a mare (who wouldn't), and when it comes to roping longhorns...

Any way (and I do mean it), after a long, hard (oooh) day poking cows, or whatever it is Italian cowpokes poke, the boys gather around the campfire. No females here, dears, which leads one to wonder. No grub here either. The Italian cowboy dines—wine and crusty bread with every meal. No beans about it, there is romance in Italian pants!

So, in honor of these romantic roughriders of the Big Boot, I have rustled up a menu that deserves far better than a tin plate. Slap on your chaps and set your chops for:

### The Faghetti Western

(Chicken Thighs with Spaghetti and Spinach)

### Sweet Basil's Love Apples

(Toms with Olive Oil and Basil)

### Italian Bread

### Red Wine

### Cowboy Vito's

### Ride 'Em Ice Cream

### THE FAGHETTI WESTERN

(Serves 4)

In this smacky dish, the little spaghetti ropes get twisted around the thighs as you eat (smacks of bondage)! Oooh, I'd love to, dear, but I'm all tied up! Do rope a few friends into sharing this with you. It's easy to fix so there's plenty of time for horsing around.

#### Preparation

and

Cooking Time: 50 min.

#### Ingredients

½ cup of butter (one stick)  
1 medium onion, thinly sliced  
2 garlic cloves, pressed  
1 Tablespoon dry basil  
¼ to ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes (depending on how hot you like it!)  
8 young chicken thighs (no old birds here, dear)  
2 (10-oz.) packages frozen chopped spinach, thawed  
8 oz. thin faghetti  
1 cup imported Parmesan (from Italy, where else?), freshly grated of course

#### Preparation

1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. In a 12- by 15-inch pan, melt your stick (the butter, Bruce) in the oven.

2. Toss the onion, garlic, basil, and red pepper flakes in with the melted butter and swish it around (the butter mixture, that is).

3. Lay your thighs on top of the onion mixture. Bake, uncovered, till your thighs are well browned. About 45 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, squeeze the liquid out of your spinach by pressing it against a sieve with a wooden spoon or your bare hands.

5. When your thighs have cooked for about 45 minutes, cook your faghetti in boiling water till al dente (not the Italian who wrote the Inferno). It should be just tender to bite (so many of the things I love are).

6. When your thighs are done, remove them from the pan and keep them warm (how you do this is your business!).

### Listening To Lavender!

Dear Lavender,

What am I going to do with my lover? Daryl, in many ways, is an absolute dear. But in other ways, he's absolutely impossible. If he just weren't so damn absent minded.

Just to give you an idea about what I'm talking about, let's go back to last Mother's Day. That day he presented me with an absolutely stunning bouquet of hot-house roses, a full dozen, which must have cost a bunch. But Lavender, growing roses is my hobby and our yard at that time was literally overflowing with gorgeous roses. Besides, while I'll admit to being a queen, by no stretch of the imagination am I anyone's mother.

For my last birthday, the darling bought me a ten-pound box of exquisite chocolates. Lavender, I have a weight problem, no will power at all, and I've been known to eat ten pounds of chocolates at one sitting. Daryl is always nagging at me to lose weight.

At then last Christmas he presented me with a delightful little kitten. Just what I've never wanted because I'm deathly allergic to cats of all kinds.

Lavender, I'm sure you get the picture. I literally live in dread of holidays and anniversaries. What would you do with an impossible clutz like Daryl?

Schinberg

(Atlantic City)

Dear Ms. Cantello,

Please settle an argument. Hector says that we must stop having so much sex. I don't see why, and I think his reasoning is coo-coo. Especially since he likes sex as much as I do. After all, we are lovers!

Hector says that if we have sex more than once every three weeks that our immune systems will become badly weakened and that we'll be apt to come down with AIDS. In between times, he says that we must take loads of vitamins.

Ms. Cantello, is it true what he says about us coming down with AIDS if we do it fairly often, like every other day or so which I think of as being perfectly normal for lovers? And what about all those vitamins? We're taking twenty-one different pills a day now. Now that I really mind. It's just that vitamins pills are terribly expensive, and we're on a tight budget lately. What do you think about all this?

I sorta have the feeling that if I don't have sex oftener than once every three weeks that I just may develop something almost as bad as AIDS. Maybe even worse, like dementia.

#### Leslie

(Knoxville)

Dear Schinberg,

Do you know how many of us would die for what you've got?

What would I do with an impossible clutz like Daryl? Everything I could to keep him. Who says you have to eat the chocolates? Who says you can't get allergy shots or pills? As for the roses, a queen can NEVER get too many roses, no matter what.

Stick with the vitamins. They really can't hurt.

However, remember that I'm not a physician and that's with whom you should undoubtedly check!

### 7. Toss the spinach into the pan and swish it around to scrape up the brown bits clinging to the pan.

8. Toss in the faghetti and parmesan and mix well by lifting with a couple of forks.

9. Mound the faghetti on the dinner plates and flank it with your thighs. (Oooh, that's amore!)

### Sweet Basil's Love Apples

(Serves 4)

Honey, this is one quick trick with a tomato that'll give you more time for other quick tricks!

Preparation Time: 10 min.

Chill: 30 min.

#### Ingredients

2 large, red, ripe toms (not cats)  
½ teaspoon sugar, Sugar  
1 teaspoon Sweet Basil  
2 teaspoons imported olive oil

#### Preparation

1. Wash your love apples (these are toms, dear!). Slice them, and arrange the slices so they are overlapping on a plate.

2. Sprinkle them with the sugar. Rub the Basil between the palms of your hand (oooh, he loves it), sprinkling it over the toms.

3. Drizzle on the olive oil.

4. Chill the dears for 30 min.

### COWBOY VITO'S RIDE 'EM ICE CREAM

Faster than an Italian cowboy's draw after a bottle of Chianti. And so good, you're bound to get a little "ride 'em cowboy" as your just dessert!

Preparation Time: 10 min.

#### Ingredients

The absolutely best vanilla ice cream available  
Dark rum  
Powdered coffee (granules can be pulverized, you butch thing)

#### Preparation

1. Dish out a passle of ice cream into serving dishes.

2. Pour a couple of spoonfuls of rum over the ice cream.

3. Sprinkle with the coffee.

4. Pass around more rum and coffee.

Well, buckarubies, it's time to ride off into the sunset. May you find your masked man and may he get 'em up, Scout! Don't miss next month's exciting adventure in food and fantasy: Eating It on the Green. Till next we eat, Yummy Down and...

Kiss. Kiss

The Kitchen Fairy

Dear Lavender Cantello,

I have a lover named June. June gets on my nerves when she spouts on and on about how much she knows about medicine. She's always maintaining that since her father is a doctor that she knows a heck of a lot about things medical. And she's always diagnosing everyone's illnesses. And for those not noticeably sick, she's been known to invent some illness for them that they never realized they had.

So June's father is a doctor. Big deal! I don't think her father's education and expertise give her the right to assume that she knows anything about medicine. In fact, she didn't even graduate from junior college. And I at least did that.

Lavender, do you think June knows all that much just because her father is a doctor? When I react to her carrying on, she just gets miffed and says I'm jealous. I'd like a suggestion or two from you about this situation.

Alene

(Ft. Worth)

Leslie,

You may be wrong! A formal education is one thing, but a dedicated, perceptive daughter is quite another.

Why do you have to react to her carryings-on? There's no reason to doubt her. However, I would always receive a second opinion before I allowed myself to be swept away by her diagnoses.

Leave her alone.

See MORE LAVENDER p. 13

# CROSSROADS

BRIDGING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA



## MINNEAPOLIS

The Northland Business Association (NBA) will host the annual meeting of the National Association of Business Councils (NABC) May 16-18 in Minneapolis. NABC is a nationwide coalition of business and professional organizations which strives to improve the economic and business climate for lesbian/gay businesses.

The group will celebrate its fifth anniversary with an awards banquet May 18.

As part of the NABC meeting, NBA is celebrating its own fifth-year anniversary with a day-long professional development conference, "Passages to Professionalism—Integrating Personal and Professional Selves" at the Holiday Inn Central.

Conference and meeting information can be obtained from NBA, 5605 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419 or by calling (612) 861-2210.

## CAMP NEVER NEVER LAND

Camp Never Never Land will have two new camps for 1985. The 3-, 4-, and 9-day camps, scheduled for July and September, are held at a large camp in the giant redwoods nine miles inland from the town of Mendocino in northern California.

Aryae Levy, the camp director, says that the goal is to attract a wide cross section of gays and lesbians of all ages from all over the country. The camp is for both singles and couples, and offers a relaxed atmosphere to meet new people, and a great place to come with friends or someone special. All of the activities and workshops are optional.

The camp, built in the 1930s, has 48 large redwood cabins, each with decks, walk-in closets, and 4 cots. A large recreation hall is used for many of the group activities, including talent night, Tropical Island Party, country western dance, and a dress-up party and dance. Daily optional workshops range from finger painting and popsicle house building, to massage, environmental education, and wine tasting. Daily exercise classes include aerobics, weight lifting, jogging, and electro-muscular stimulation, provided by Shape-Up gym in San Francisco.

The cost is from \$119 for 3 days, \$159 for 4 days, to \$309 for 9 days, including accommodations, all meals, a camp T-Shirt, and an off-to-camp party and reunion.

For further information on Camp Never Never Land, call (415) 647-CAMP or write to 1618 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114.

## CINCINNATI

An individual in the Cincinnati area wants to be a member of a group for older gays. Anyone interested in helping to form such a group should write: Yellow Page, Dept. OG, PO Box 5009, Cincinnati, OH 45205.

## COLLEGE STATION

The U.S. Supreme Court, by refusing to hear the appeal filed by a Texas university, let stand a lower court decision that state-run universities must recognize gay and lesbian student groups.

The appeal, which the nation's highest court refused to hear recently, was filed by Texas A & M University after a 1984 ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that the university's denial of recognition to a gay student group violated the First Amendment. Without official recognition, the group had no access to campus meeting places, bulletin boards, or student media.

The State of Texas refused to represent the university in its appeal, which the Supreme Court dismissed "for want of jurisdiction."

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last August that the university had not proved its claims that granting recognition to Gay Student Services would incite activity that is "morally repulsive or illegal" and promote the spread of AIDS. In 1976, when recognition was first denied, the Texas sodomy law was still in effect. It has since been declared unconstitutional.

## SANTA FE

New Mexico Governor Tony Anaya recently signed an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of "sexual preference" by the executive branch of state government and by those who contract with the state.

The Order bans discrimination by any state agency or department on the "basis of sexual preference" in state employment, in providing state services and benefits, and in awarding state contracts. The order also provides that "all such contracts shall include a provision that the contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference in any matter relating to employment."

Governor Anaya, a Democrat, signed the Order without announcement or publicity in April.

Although the order was issued at the request of the New Mexico Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance (NML/GPA), it was the efforts of members of the Governor's administration who gained the support of Anaya for the Order. In October Anaya asked his staff to prepare an Order, but he waited until after the general elections and the legislative session to sign it.

The full impact of the Order has not yet been fully determined by lesbian and gay leaders. The Order clearly does not cover employees of other state elected officials, but the contract provisions of the Order extend its effect far beyond agencies and departments directly within the control of the Governor's office.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) offers group life and medical insurance to its members with Consumers United Insurance Company. Consumers United Insurance Company is the largest worker-oriented and managed insurance company in the United States.

NOW life and medical insurance provides numerous benefits including named-partner coverage regardless of sex or marital status, unisex rates based on individual lifestyle, equal monthly lifetime payments, no cancellation except for non-payment of premiums, coverage of the costs of alternative health care providers (midwives, acupuncturists), mental and emotional health care, reproductive service (maternity, birth control), and hospice care.

To be eligible for these two plans, it is necessary to be a member of NOW. For more information about these new non-discriminatory insurance and major-medical plans, call the NOW office at (317) 637-9846.

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The Ninth International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held June 6-9 in Washington, D.C. Evelyn Torton, editor of *Nice Jewish Girls, A Lesbian Anthology*, and US Congressman Barney Frank (D., Mass.) will address the Conference.

Workshops will include: liturgy which meets the needs of gay and lesbian Jews; women, gays and lesbians in the rabbinate; and the Holocaust-children of the survivors. There will also be social programs, Sabbath services, and a tour of Washington, D.C.

The Conference will be held at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel and is co-sponsored by Bet Mishpachah, the Gay and Lesbian Synagogue of Washington, D.C., and the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Further information and registration materials can be obtained from Bet Mishpachah, PO Box 1410, Washington, D.C. 20013, (202) 833-1638.

## ROWE

Memorial Day weekend will present an opportunity for gay and bi-sexual men of all ages, backgrounds, and outlooks to gather in the relaxed and welcoming space Rowe Conference Center offers. The retreat will give men a chance to spend time together free from the usual games, fears, and insecurities. The coordinator is Allen Young, a writer and editor. Other resource people will be John Calvi, a massage therapist and musician, and Bill Pellicio, a therapist, and Charlie Washburn, a gay father and recreation leader. Costs are on a sliding scale.

The dates are May 24-27. Write: Rowe Conference Center, King's Highway Road, Rowe, Massachusetts 01367 or call (413) 339-4216.

## ALBUQUERQUE

A grant from the New Mexico Foundation for Human Enrichment to operate Common Bond will enable expansion of the Community Center.

The Center is located at 6001 Marble NE, Suite No. 6 and has about a thousand square feet, including meeting space for more than 60 and offices to house the Information/Support Line and Library.

Rental rates for the Center will require a minimum charge for all groups which use the Center, but the group-use fees will be competitive and reasonable.

Fees will probably range from \$13 for small groups using the Center more than four times a month to \$45 for large groups without gay/lesbian orientation who use the Center for more than four hours on a one-time basis.

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Gay Pride Fiesta for 1985 will feature a new parade route and an afternoon fiesta at the State Fairgrounds with food, music, and activities for everybody.

Several events are planned for the days between June 14 and 23, 1985. The Common Bond Variety Show, events at the bars, a political forum, and other activities will mark the celebration. Saturday, June 22 is Parade Day.

For information, call the Information/Support Line at (505) 266-8041.

## MODESTO

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County is planning a party bus to Reno, Nevada for August 24-25, 1985. The round-trip fare from Modesto will be \$45 and will include a motel room and \$22.50 in tokens for gambling upon arrival. The cost of the trip must be paid in full by June 24, 1985.

There are 44 seats available. For more information, contact Dan Gilbert t (209) 575-9584. Send checks or money order to S.O.E., 420 15th Street, Modesto, CA 95354.

## SEATTLE

The Women Studies Program of the University of Washington will celebrate its 15th anniversary by presenting the 7th annual National Women's Studies Association Conference "Creating Choices Through Feminist Education." The conference is scheduled June 19-23, 1985.

The spirit of the conference will be the spirit of the community: sharing knowledge and experience with women from all over. The conference will also celebrate women's creative expression through musical extravaganzas, arts exhibits, and fiction and poetry readings. A special highlight will be the Feminist Festival Showcase Concert on the evening of the summer solstice.

For further information, contact: NWSA Conference, Women Studies Program, GN-45, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

## MISSOULA

DADDY'S GOOD TIMES is Missoula and western Montana's first gay-owned bar and restaurant which officially opened its doors for business in April. The establishment fills a need which the gay community has had for a place to call "their own. The bar is located at 125½ W. Main Street, in the heart of Missoula's downtown entertainment district.

The business officially operates a bar and restaurant, providing beer, wine, and a menu of salads, sandwiches, and appetizers. Owner Fred Colby foresees the addition of liquor and mixed drinks in the near future, depending on the quantity of requests for it.

A full slate of weekly specials are planned to acknowledge DADDY'S responsibility to the community. Women's and Men's nights are planned, Wednesdays are set aside for viewing cinema productions and the weekly Dynasty episode, Thursday is Mug Club/Import Beer night, and Sunday afternoons the bar will sponsor a variety of tournaments such as pool, Trivial Pursuit, electronic darts, etc. Special events are projected also, including Sunday brunch, theme parties, and live "great performers."

The business is open from 3 PM to 2 AM, Monday thru Friday, and 1 PM to 2 AM Saturday and Sunday. Fridays and Saturdays a disc jockey spins a mix of dance, rock, and oldies until the bar closes. The dance floor comprising nearly half of the entire second level is dimly lit providing an intimate atmosphere.

Scott Waddel, manager of the operation, and 85% of the employees are home-grown Montanans who offer western hospitality to patrons. The remaining 15% of the employees are just as personable, bringing a needed west-coast sophistication into the business.

## ST. LOUIS

The Tenth National Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held June 20-23 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Conference will provide support for men and women who are actively examining, from a feminist perspective, how beliefs about male and female gender roles have shaped societal values and institutions.

Areas of analysis include male-male and male-female relationships, fathering, the workplace, attitudes towards minority and ethnic groups, sexual and physical violence toward women and children, social class and economic and political policy. The social analysis presented by such movements as gay rights, workers' rights, civil rights, the Nuclear Freeze, etc. are also examined as they intersect with the movement for changing men.

For more information, write Changing Men, PO Box 24159, St. Louis, MO 63130, or telephone (312) 534-3833.

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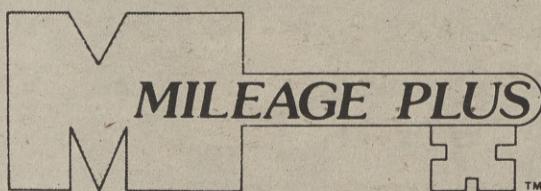
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## FRESNO

by R.E.S.

May is Coronation month in Fresno. The Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, our oldest gay organization, will be crowning its twelfth pair of monarchs on Saturday, May 18. Activities related to the Coronation started back in April. The candidates for Emperor and Empress will be putting on shows and fundraising events every weekend, at the minimum, till coronation day.

The Friday prior to Coronation features two big shows, one staged by Fresnans, the other by out-of-town guests. Saturday is election day, and the Court takes over a portion of the Hacienda Resort & Convention Center, with a hospitality room in full swing all day. In the evening, the gala crowning and stepping-down ceremonies take place in the Hacienda Ballroom. (The theme of the evening is "Harper's Bazaar.") Sunday, an awards brunch is also to be held.

This year, the Dove Court has put together a collection of memorabilia of its first ten years. The display includes awards and trophies, gowns, and costumes, video tapes of prior coronations, and last year's "Imperial size" quilt with the insignia of courts from around the state and country. The exhibit will be housed at the Gay Community Center, 606 E. Belmont in Fresno. The Center is also a good place to get up-to-date information on coronation activities; it can be reached at (209) 268-3541.

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The Lesbian Rights Task Force of Sacramento, California NOW will sponsor a networking retreat on the weekend of June 8 and 9, 1985. The site will be a rustic, private, women's campground near Fresno, CA. All women interested in working toward lesbian rights will be welcome.

Workshop titles include: Setting Up a Lesbian Rights Task Force, and Making It Work; Strategy Sharing: Successes and Failures in Working for Lesbian Rights (input welcome from all participants); Homophobia: Within and Without; and Where Do We Go From Here?

One of the goals of the retreat is to create a statewide network which will be a resource for Lesbian Rights Task Forces throughout the state.

For additional information, contact Audrey Mertz, 1825 Beverly Way, Sacramento, CA 95818, (916) 446-2997.

## EAST LANSING

People are needed who want to learn crisis intervention and to help work on the Hotline. Training will be given on a Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM and includes listening skills, empathy training, values clarification, and problem-solving skills. (These good basic communications skills are very useful in many everyday situations.)

The Hotline has handled thousands of calls since it began and volunteers are essential for its continued success. For more information, call (517) 332-1611 or write Lansing Association For Human Rights, 855 Grove St., East Lansing, MI 48823.

Also, the Hotline has just begun a demonstration project in Grand Rapids. An advertisement has been placed in a local mainstream newspaper. It will be necessary for a person in community to call long distance to reach the Hotline.

## PALO ALTO

The campus police have targeted several men's restrooms at Stanford University for a crackdown on homosexual activity, but the University's Gay and Lesbian Alliance is stepping in to help prevent arrests.

The organization has posted notices in campus restrooms warning against sex in the facilities. The notices caution that the names, addresses, and employers of people arrested in a 1980 restroom sweep by campus police were published by the press. A police spokesperson said that if the notices do not stop the increasing complaints of sexual activity, plain-clothes officers will be assigned to the restrooms.

## POMONA/SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay/Lesbian Coalition is continuing to make plans for its Freedom Festival. The event will be held July 4, 1984. Volunteers are needed to make the festival a success. For more information, call Graham at (714) 622-7303 or write SGVGL Coalition, 710 W. Orange Grove, Pomona, CA 91768.

## INDIANAPOLIS

"Gay Today," a television show, is looking for short, comic sketches. Persons who have writing ability may submit their work for consideration. Submissions should run ten to fifteen minutes, have no more than five characters, and be on themes that will be viewed as positive and constructive, such as anti-bigotry, healthy life styles, gay foibles, and political activism. There is no compensation. All submissions become the property of "Gay Today" and cannot be returned.

Send sketches to Andy Wagheler, PO Box 1922, Martinsville, IN 46151. Indianapolis area actors and actresses can arrange an audition by writing the same address.

## JACKSON

Mississippi's only Metropolitan Community Church is alive and well and growing in downtown Jackson.

The church has been operating since 1983 and is now located at 236½ West Capitol, across from the old King Edward Hotel.

Kathy Switzer is the church's worship coordinator. She is hopeful that the new location will attract more people to the church.

The church presently has 24 members with an average attendance of 16-18.

## ATLANTA

The site of the annual 4th of July Softball Extravaganza will be Atlanta Park District's ultra modern Southside Complex. The sprawling 45-acre sports complex has four professionally built and excellently maintained fields. The state-of-the-art fields are laid out in a wagon-wheel design with a concession stand, locker room, restroom facility at the hub. Each field is professionally lit allowing for night games. Each field also has its own grandstand and a fully electronic scoreboard. A professional maintenance staff will be on duty throughout the tournament.

The championship games will be held on Saturday, July 6 at Franklin Allen Park in Buckhead. These fields are also professionally built and maintained. (A local beer distributor will be serving beer again at the park.) These fields also offer the finest in amenities including: electronic scoreboard, restrooms, and grandstands.

Anyone interested in more information or who wishes to be added to the tournament mailing list should contact Mr. Greg Troia at Armory Classic 2, 336 5th Street No. 3 NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 or call (404) 873-4332.

## BELLE GLADE

The highest AIDS rate in the United States is in Belle Glade, Florida. Authorities say that the AIDS epidemic in the community, located in the heart of the Everglades, is not behaving like anywhere else in this country. Instead, it is more like the epidemic in tropical Africa or Haiti. There is probably no other environment in the United States which is as similar to those places as Belle Glade; this may be the reason.

With 41 AIDS cases among the 24,000 residents of the sugar-growing area, the region has an AIDS rate that is five times higher than that of the New York or San Francisco metropolitan areas.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

The Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (PLGC) need to replenish its treasury in order to continue operating.

This is a particularly important time for the organization to continue. For example, recently the church prohibited lesbian/gay persons from full membership, including ordination.

The church-wide consultation on homophobia held last fall is being contested by some members of the church. In addition, there are efforts to stop publication of the resources from the consultation because they present an open and honest view of gay and lesbian persons. There is also an effort within one presbytery to demand another consultation on homophobia requiring a "more balanced" view of diversity of opinion regarding gay and lesbian persons, their lifestyles and ministry within the church. There is also an attempt to restrict PLGC's participation in the 1986 Youth Triennium.

There has been an effort to form an organization for "changed or healed" homosexuals, lack of any reference to sexual orientation in the non-discrimination employment policies for the churchwide Affirmative Action-EQUAL Opportunity Employment Plan, and another "knock-down, drag-em out" battle to maintain PLGC's official status within the church is anticipated.

Contributions are tax deductible. The group has no paid staff, so 100% of a donation goes directly to PLGC's work. For more information, write PLGC, PO Box 38, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0038.

## BALTIMORE

The Baltimore Chapter of Black and White Men Together has resumed its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The organization is currently holding its meetings in a private home. For information about BWMT, call (301) 669-8593 or 669-1782.

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Recently, Baltimore's gay-rights bill was defeated for a second time. The vote in the City Council was 11-7. This ended a 11-month debate for passage of the bill which would have extended civil-rights protection to the city's gays and lesbians.

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Plans are underway for PRIDE '85, a week-long celebration of the gay lifestyle. Pride Week will begin in Baltimore this year on Saturday, June 1, with the annual Port Welcome Cruise. A week of related events will culminate with the second PRIDE PARADE and the Pride Festival on June 9.

The PRIDE '85 Committee needs volunteers to help with all the details that will add up to a great celebration. For more information, call Dave at (301) 523-3409 or come to a meeting. The Pride Committee meets at the Irish Pub on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM.

## CHICAGO

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NALGAP) will hold its first national conference September 26-29, 1985 at The Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in downtown Chicago. General sessions will discuss such topics as gay spirituality, reaching out, establishing relationships, and alcohol and drug problems in the gay and lesbian community. Workshops will be held in the areas of gay and lesbian adult children of alcoholics, sexuality and homosexuality, assessment and treatment of addictions, and the business end of treatment and private practice.

NALGAP is an association of alcohol and drug therapists, program directors, doctors, nurses, and other health-care professionals who have a particular interest in the special needs of the lesbian and gay client in treatment. Membership in NALGAP does not indicate a person's sexual preference.

NALGAP publishes a quarterly newsletter which includes news of activities throughout the world to improve the treatment of gay and lesbian alcohol and drug clients. It also presents articles and papers of special interest to those who are concerned about the particular needs of these clients. The Association also makes available to treatment facilities and other organizations' educational and training programs and seminars on the nature of homosexuality and how it affects treatment.

For further information on the Association or membership, write to NALGAP, 1208 East State Blvd., Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46805. For a bibliography on gay and lesbian topics, write to NALGAP, 204 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The St. Priapus Church, 583 Grove Street, conducts a food program which currently distributes food, without charge, to needy gay people. The church reports that the need is increasing for financial support as well as volunteers to gather and distribute the food. For more information, call (415) 431-2188.

The Community Thrift Store at 625 Valencia will pick up donations (clothing, effects, and household good) and sell them for the church. The Store will give contributors a receipt for tax-deduction purposes. Persons making a donation should specify that the donation is for Acct. 121, St. Priapus Church-Gay Rescue Mission. The proceeds will go to the food program. Call (415) 861-4910 for a pick-up of donations.

## PHILADELPHIA

The Mayor's Commission on Sexual Minorities is undertaking a study of police procedures and practices and how they affect the Gay and Lesbian community in the city of Philadelphia.

The goals of the project include improving communications with police and other law-enforcement agencies, allaying fears of reporting crimes, providing access to police agencies, and educating community members on ways of preventing crimes to which they often fall prey.

It is believed that a project of this type has never been done anywhere in the country. For more information, contact the Commission at room 143, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA, or call (215) 686-2191.

## CHICAGO

The Seventh Annual International Mr. Leather Contest and Show is scheduled for May 26 in Chicago. Sponsored each year by the Gold Coast Leather Bar, the contest traditionally brings over 1000 Leathermen together.

International Mr. Leather 1985 will feature four nights of special events. Over \$5000 in prizes will be awarded to the winners, with a grand prize which includes a new motorcycle.

Entry forms and information regarding "Weekend Package" reservations are available by mail from International Mr. Leather, Inc., 5025 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640.

## SALT LAKE CITY

An event called Gay Pride-A Day in the Park is planned for Sunday, June 30, 1985 in Sunnyside Park. The event will include art booths, food sales, and sports.

Out-of-state organizations and businesses are welcome to send brochures for distribution at the event which is expected to attract 3-5000 people. For additional information, contact The Utah Community Service Center, 525 South 500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102 or call (801) 532-6040 or 6056.

## EUREKA

Hot Sox women's softball team is recruiting players. Any women interested in playing on the team are encouraged to contact the group. For more information, call (707) 442-5817 or (707) 442-5604.

## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

People who are planning their vacations should remember to consider South Padre Island in Texas. Except for Spring Break, which is now over, South Padre Island is a most relaxing vacation spot. There are many gay bars located in nearby Brownsville and McAllen.

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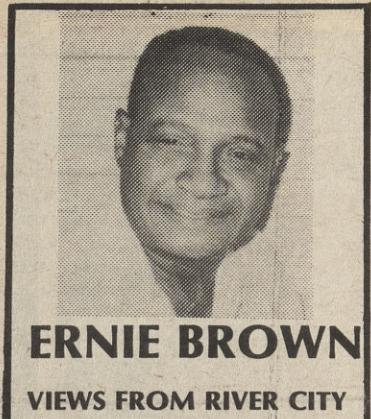
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**ERNIE BROWN**  
VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

Congrats to everyone involved in making **Coronation '85** highly successful. It was a beautiful night: the entertainment, the glitter, the people. My best wishes to the newly elected Empress, **DIGETTE** and Emperor **CHUCK**. Something tells me it's going to be a good year for the both of you and for the rest of us, too. GNIE, you done well. The investiture of our new emperor & empress will take place Sat. May 11 at BoJangles, starting at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited...The Viet Vet House will have their first annual picnic on Sat. May 18. The public is invited. For more info about this picnic, talk to Ken Moore...The Valley Knights M. C. will celebrate their 9th anniversary by riding through scenic portions of CA and staying on the shores of beautiful Clearlake, in resorts reserved exclusively for their use during the weekend. The run fee of \$20 includes overnight accommodations at the resorts, Sat. nite dinner prepared by the Valley Knights, a cocktail party at the Valley Knights bar at the run site, and a 9th anniversary run pin. Please note: Final departure will be promptly at 10 AM on Sat. May 11 from The Mercantile parking lot. Be there no later than 9:30 AM for final instructions. Please have a full gas tank. The club will leave Clearlake to return to Sacto after a no-host brunch available at the resort on Sunday morning. (I went last year on this run; it was a weekend well spent. And the Valley Knights are such a nice bunch of guys...) River City Business Association had their annual awards benefit at Scandals on Mon. April 22. It, too, was a fun evening. Good food (served by Modette), good chamber music, good people, and good times. Congrats are in order for Terry Sidie, head honcho at Scandals/BoJangles, who was awarded the **Businessman Of The Year Award**; and to Robert Austin, owner of In Touch With You Hair Design, who was awarded **Best Business Of The Year**...The Blue Moon has free pool every Monday for

In Memorium:  
Rev. Barry Williams

your enjoyment. Coming soon are their disco-lighted floor...By the time you read this, there should be a new gay bar in our midst, The Ritz at 20th and K. Don't forget to check it out...And while you're at that location, go across the street and drop in at the Western. Video machines everywhere. Reminds me of the good ole days of the penny arcade...The Wreck Room still has pool tournaments on Sat. afternoons...Please check with The Forum for their events coming up in May...The Rose will be very busy this month. Starting off May 5 is Cinco de Mayo May 6. The Running of the Roses. On May 25 & 26, Memorial Day celebration. Please note: You will be able to dance straight through the 25th to the 26th. That's right. The bar will be open all nite long. And by the way, if you want to see a thing of beauty and a joy to behold, check out the Rose's afternoon bartender. His name is Ken. A real nice, humpy guy. You'll like him. Maybe you'll more than like him...Coming up this month at The Merc, my (Ernie Brown's) annual Mother Jeffrey's **Mother Of The Year Awards**. Date: Sunday May 19 starting at 1:00 PM; barbecue, raffle, entertainment, & Mothers Of The Year Reunion. All proceeds to the gay charities...The Buffalo Club is still having its Buffalo Beer Stampede every Sat. afternoon from 5-8. \$3.25, all the beer you can drink...Our River City Family has become active again in the Sacramento area. The group provides another way for gay people to socialize and form friendships/relationships. Martin Cain is the interim Director, Mike Garten is interim Treasurer, and Charlie Preston is interim Historian. Future plans include monthly potlucks and monthly dessert "planning" parties. In addition, the concept of networking will be introduced which will involve family activities in San Francisco, Stockton, Walnut Creek, Modesto, Concord, and San Jose. The next planning party will be May 15. For info, call Martin at (916) 682-5205 or Charlie at (916) 391-1362...The Second Annual Lambda Freedom Day Fair will be held June 15 at McKinley Park from 11 AM to 5 PM. Over 2000 people are expected to attend this year. The fair will be sponsored by the Lambda Community Fund, a non-profit public benefit corporation which was formed to oversee the fair's operation and to help eliminate prejudice and discrimination faced by lesbians and gay men...The annual Women's Spiritual Retreat, sponsored by the Northwest District of the Metropolitan Community Church, will be held May 10-12 at Camp Gualala in Sonoma County. The weekend will emphasize hope and finding ways to achieve a fulfilling life. For info, contact Pat Warriner at (916) 393-4346.

### Poets' Corner

WHY ALEX?

by Sean Bailey

It's simple things about him,  
Ordinary, unadorned  
He gives to me.  
For when he smiles  
The world's a better place  
Of sometime joy  
And promise,  
A sliver of sunstreak'  
Against winter's grey.  
Or his open laughter  
Rippling like pond stones  
To touch my mood  
Again, again, again...  
And even sleeping,  
Feather breath upon my cheek,  
I melt inside  
And am content.  
There is no other why.

**William Tell**  
**Reviews:**  
Strictly Forbidden  
and  
Les Minets Sauvages

"Strictly Forbidden" presents us with an artist locked inside a museum. The artist has sexual fantasies wherein statues come to life and immediately engage in vanilla sex with him. Filmed in gloom-and-doom lighting with poor camera angles, this film offers little in entertainment value. Boring!

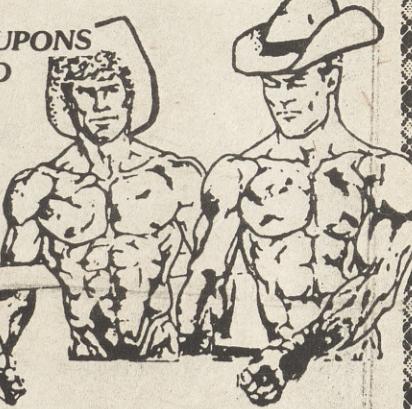
A far better film, "Les Minets Sauvages" gives us a dozen or more young Frenchmen who have been placed in a boys' reformatory. Our main subject is Gerado whose "crime" was running away from home and working as a prostitute in Paris. Gerado gets more than rehabilitation in this poorly dubbed French porno. He is humiliated and violated by ringleader, Vincent. All ends well when Vincent is placed in solitary confinement where the other inmates realize revenge by attacking and violating him.

The audience is given a more-than-generous view of young asses and cocks. These boys know what they want and how to get it.

In Sacramento, "Strictly Forbidden" and "Les Minets Sauvages" are available for rent on cassette at *Films for Days*.

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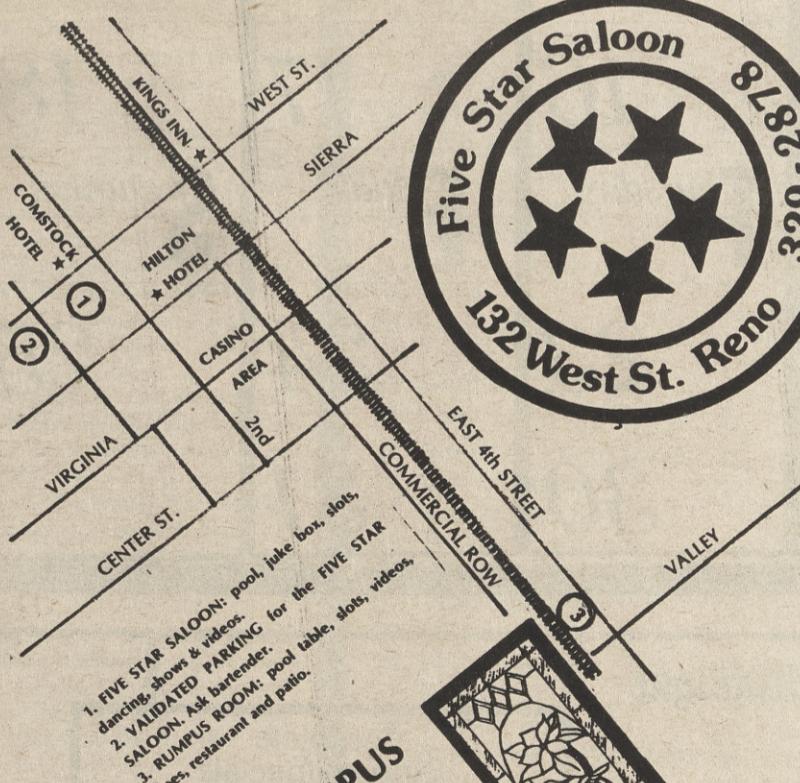
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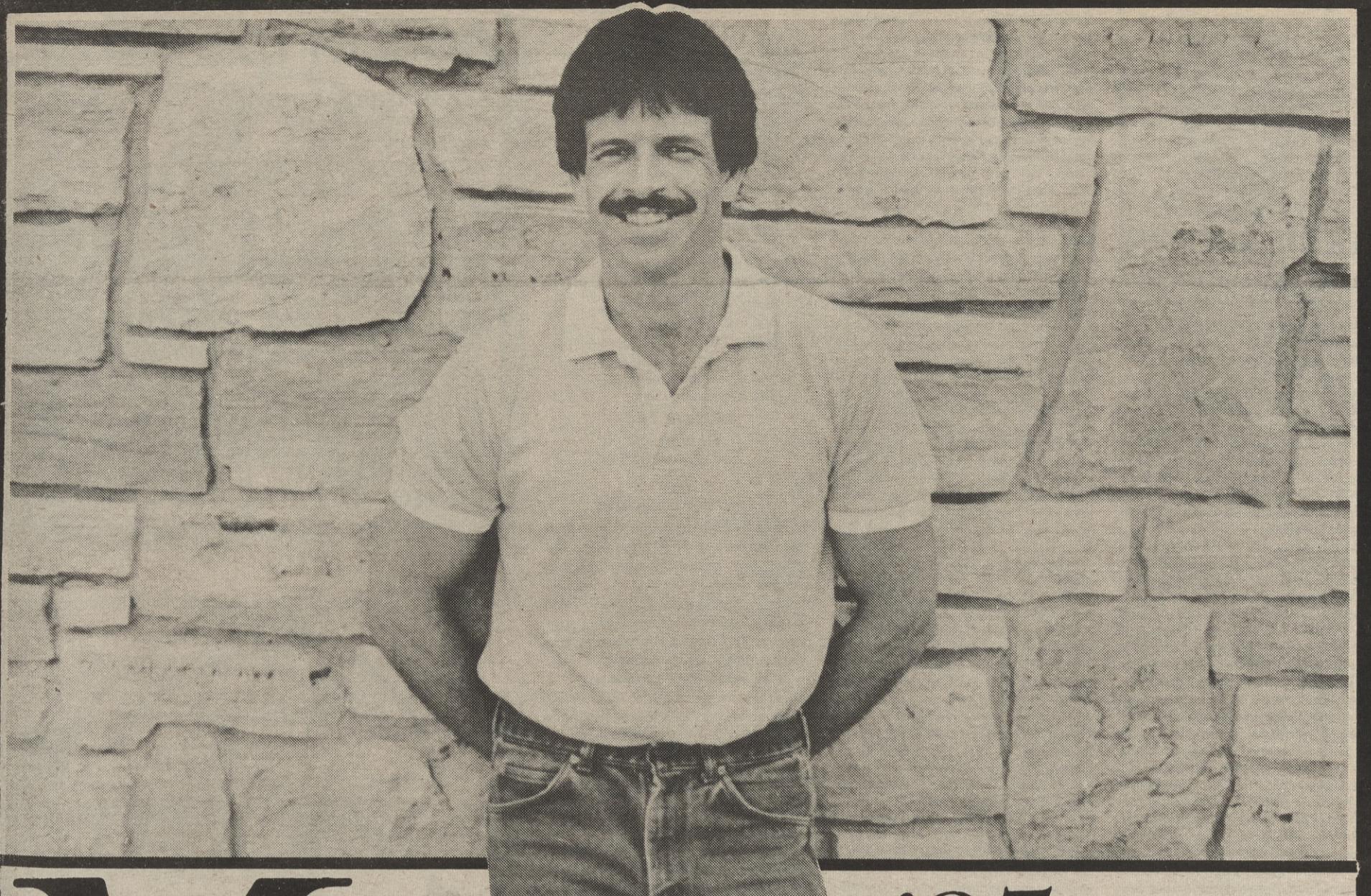
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The Triangle, a leather and levi cruise bar at 2036 Broadway, is nationally known and nearly always packed. Another cruisy place where a lot of western, leather, and uniform guys hang out is Mike's at 117 Broadway. The Den at 5110 W. Colfax has been there forever, and so have some of the customers. Two new bars are Mr. Bill's at 1027 Broadway and the Denver Detour at 551 E. Colfax. Garbo's is a cabaret, and Oscar Wilde's gets a friendly neighborhood crowd.

Two of Denver's busiest discos are located in a remote section of railroad yards and warehouses. The Foxhole at 2936 Fox Street gets some hunks, has a large patio. Just across the street is Tracks. Both are wall to wall with people, especially weekends, but Tracks gets more of a mixed crowd. To get to them, take the 20th Street viaduct northwest from downtown, turn right at the first signal, then follow the crowd around for a couple of blocks.

David's Disco, at 314 E. 13th Street, has made a strong comeback and now gets the good-looking macho preppies. Country and western fans flock to Charlie's at 7900 E. Colfax. Denver ladies like Lipps at 6300 W. Colfax or the older Three Sisters, locally referred to as the "six tits" at 3358 Mariposa. The Cherry Creek Mining Company features shows, and is best on Wednesdays. The Grove is the place for twinkies.

Most Denver bars are open until 2:00 AM, but by some strange quirk, close at midnight on Sundays.

B.J.'s Carousel at 1380 South Broadway is practically an institution. It is good afternoons and has a cruisy cocktail hour. Dinners are fair to very good. The Den also features a good brunch, and a very promising looking new restaurant is the Warm Weather at Alameda and Bancrook. For breakfast or snacks, try to Broadway Cafe, Denver Sandwich Company, or the Kitchen.

One of America's most popular and innovative baths is the Ball Park at 107 S. Broadway. Use the rear entrance and be sure and discover the caverns beyond the waterfall. The Empire Baths at 6923 E. Colfax has recently gone through a much-needed renovation, and the Midtowne Spa at 2935 Zuni has a loyal following.

The gay scene is so spread out in Denver that it is difficult to pick a convenient place to stay. You will need wheels no matter where you stay. On my last visit, I stayed at the Holiday Inn-Colorado Blvd., and found it to be about as convenient as any place.

For leather and erotica, try Mr. S at 143 Broadway. There are several bookstores and all-male theatres such as the After Dark and Empress Theatre. Also available at some bars are The Directory and Out Front. The area around the State Capitol is known as "Sodomy Circle" and used to be a great cruising area; however, it got so hot that it became sure suicide and has been mostly abandoned now.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '86—America's foremost travel guide—available soon at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$14 to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114. Also available is the SPARTACUS, International Gay Guide for \$22.)

## FAUX PAS

by Ed. E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

There we were, in the middle of a crowded bar, my lover and I. Suddenly I felt a call of nature and made my way to the little boys' room. A really cute guy followed me in, and we exchanged a few pleasantries as we used the facilities (for their intended purpose, of course). I returned to my lover.

Well, several drinks later, this gentleman from the restroom came up to my lover and me and intimated that he and I had been intimate in the powder room. Naturally my lover was incensed and refused to talk to me for a long time.

Are you aware of any pithy sayings that I can rattle off so that next time this happens I can put guys like that in their places before these mini-dramas become major domestic traumas?

Ever  
Gaylen

Dear Gaylen,

Unless you're Oscar Wilde, the insult and the put-down really have no place in polite society. A gentleman confronted with false accusations turns the other cheek and waits until his lover has sobered up before he wastes his time protesting his innocence.

Dear Mr. Kett,

Does a gentleman extend the same common courtesies to drag queens that one would extend to real gentlewomen, or should they be treated like real liberated women and left to fend for themselves?

Yours,  
Buzz

Dear Buzz,

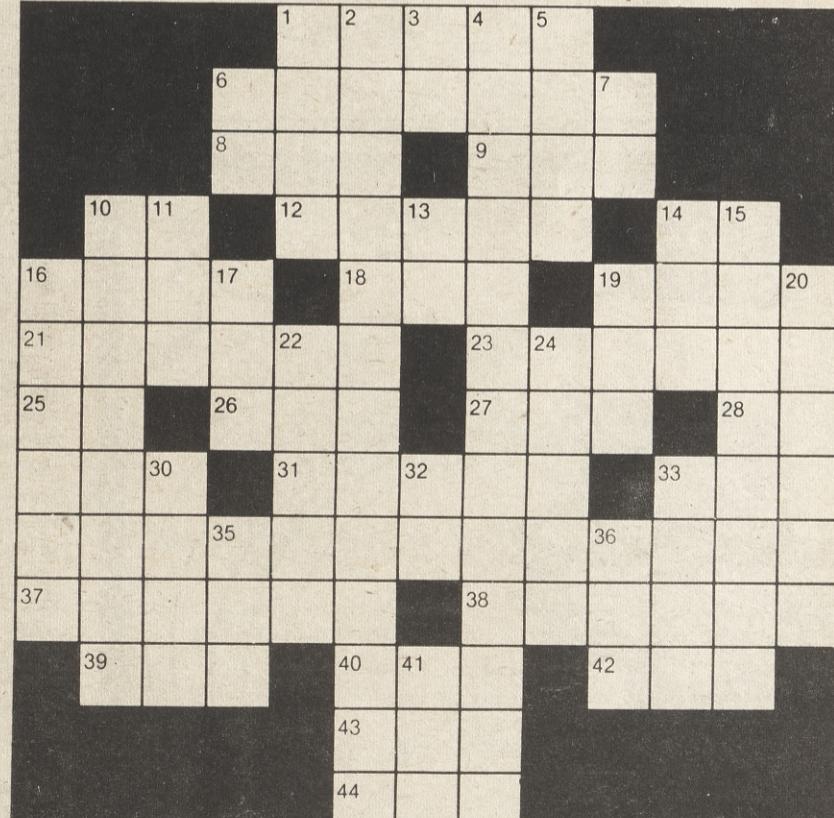
If you think I'm going to risk embarrassment and/or arrest in the women's department of Macys looking for a figure-flattering dress, shave my face and legs raw, and spend hours getting my eyeliner and lipstick just right only to have my date let me pick up the check, you certainly won't find a special place in my datebook.

## ACROSS

1. Very fat
6. Sunburn result
8. Irish gal or leg
9. Not amateur
10. Laugh sound
12. Analyze
14. Letter afterthought
16. Swear
18. Exciting
19. Posterior
21. Saint's town
23. Cafe
25. Route or rough trade
26. Mo. city (abbr.)
27. Needed for 34
28. Tina's monogram
29. Bar offering
31. Wonderland gal
33. By way of
34. Winter sport
37. Nail coating
38. Vipers
39. Economic term (abbr.)
40. Help
42. Cape
43. Irish lover
44. Clover for one

## DOWN

1. Olives
2. Large Irish rod
3. Plural ending
4. March 17th
5. Spooky
6. Bishop (abbr.)
7. Fake language
10. Selling it
11. Posterior
13. Who cares?
14. Green food
15. Crackers
16. Wine bottle
17. Relative or pal nickname
19. Bread
20. Labels again
22. Gaze
24. Atlantic
30. Actor Richard
32. Exists
33. Minn. pro nickname
35. Baseball nickname
36. Tourist goal
41. Retirement idea



## GAMES

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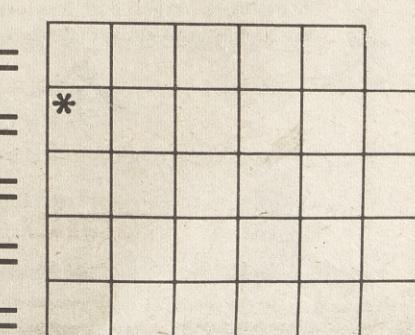
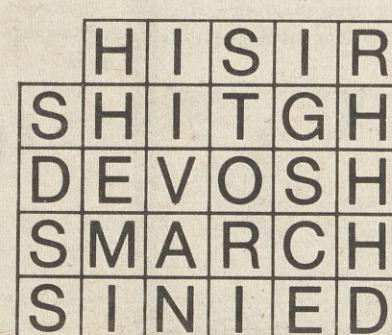
### THE WIZARD OF OD

Unscramble the letters and see what wise saying he has for us.

\* Several possibilities here, but the Wiz only likes one.

SHAM

(See answers p. 19.)



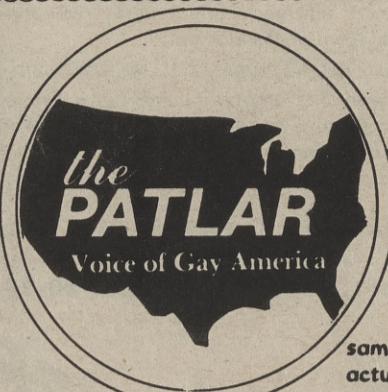
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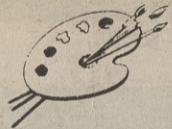
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### FANTASY CAPSULE

by Mark M. Forston

#### *The Man Who Lived Backwards*

Vito always sent the whole bar into libido shock when he walked through the door. He was excessively handsome, with virtually flawless looks that compelled people to stare. He moved with the slinky grace of a cheetah.

Vito hadn't aged at all since he had arrived in the city from somewhere in Europe. He was still as fresh as yesterday with not a single line etched upon his timeless face. It was as if time stood still for him. Was he turning back, or at least stopping, the clock somehow? No one knew. If he had a secret, he kept it well hidden.

Vito had been seen around San Francisco for over twenty years now. There was something mystical about him. He never got close to anyone, never took a lover. He had no entourage, no really close friends he hung out with. It was just that mysterious quality about him that sent tongues wagging. It was a great deal of envy, mostly, that brought on his admirers' jealousy. Their snide remarks and innuendos were frequent. Comments like: "He must have bought his looks from a plastic surgeon."

It was about 11:00 AM. Christopher had spent the night with Vito. He tossed back the sheets from the big bed and stood upright. He felt a little shaky. Boy had he gotten it that night. It was just what he needed, a real workout from a man like Vito.

He stumbled to the bathroom to check for damage, a ritual he always performed after sex. He gave himself a once-over. Yes, he was still intact. No damage. However, there was something he had overlooked, those faint and tiny lines that had crept over his skin during the night.

It was like that with all those boys. The young ones, they walked away from Vito's boudoir leaving more behind than they could possibly have imagined. Vito, somehow, robbed them of a few years, years that he added to his own life. There was no way to count how many had passed his way. Vito wasn't counting, merely taking.

The knock on Vito's door was unexpected; no one came to Vito's uninvited. He opened the door and there standing in the dim light was a face, vaguely familiar. "Hello Vito," the voice declared. It rang through Vito like the sound of a far-off train whistle. It was Jeremy, a sweet and sensitive boy Vito had made love to over five years earlier when the lad was only 17.

"I guess you thought you'd never see me again," said Jeremy, his tone solemn, not angry. Vito stared at his face, aged far beyond his time. Suddenly Jeremy pushed Vito back into the room and slammed the door shut. He used all his strength to subdue and maneuver Vito to the bed, and there he pinned him down.

The room was still dark. A figure emerged from the bed, got dressed, and went quietly out the door. Vito's eyes flicked open. Realizing now that he had been taken, worked over, he staggered out of bed, his legs like a newborn foal barely able to stand.

He wobbled to the bathroom. There he stood before the mirror. His eyes focused in on the tiny lines that now encircled that once flawless face.

Jeremy smiled at the new face that reflected back at him from his mirror. He sang to himself as he freshened up. Getting ready now was no longer a ritual. It was simple, just like those days when he was 17.

A book had fallen from the vanity and landed with its title face up: *Vampires Do It Too* by Jeremy Stratton.

### *If It Hurts, Change Positions!*

by Galen Moon (Age 83)

"That which I feared has come upon me!"

That line from the ancient writings is the same lament being uttered by millions of aging women and men today. Of course, it is true. That's the way the universe operates: we get what we ask for. You are probably saying you didn't ask to be full of pain and anger; but I'll warrant that if you honestly review your life, you'll find your present circumstance is what you imagined and expected "old age" to be.

Many years ago, when I was corresponding from a prison cell with Dr. Whilamena Armstrong, I learned this lesson: "What the mind believes, the mind will do." Dr. Armstrong, whose learning was received at the University of Paris, told me that this basic truth is the foundation of health, wisdom, and wealth. And, the mind, as she addressed it, is not the flighty, changeable, babbling "conscious, constant reaction to surroundings" but is the deep inner seat of being; the place of realization and expectation. She never referred to Freud or Jung or other modern explorers of the worlds of mind.

It was some time before I managed to digest and absorb the truth and to recognize it as a fundamental element of teachings I received from the Swami during the year I spent with my guru.

Once I understood what I am, what I have, and what is in store for me is programmed within myself, things began changing. When one recognizes that

you can't blame your parents or your teachers or the government for your situation, you begin creating with love for yourself and for others.

Others? Sure, that's part of your environment. How can you be comfortable and free from guilt if people and happenings around you are misery and hatred and fear? You have to spread your bounty of strength and understanding... "feed the hungry" one teacher instructed.

This effort to explain, I guess, is really for the younger generation; to help them establish a healthy, active, loving "old age." But, I keep telling the complaining and unhappy "oldsters" I deal with today that they can still change the picture. It has to start with a tossing out of all the trash which has been treasured for years and admittance that what is exactly what was expected deep down inside oneself.

Admitting you have made your life what it is gives you the power to change it.

That's where I'm coming from. That's why at 83 I am in good health, active in the community and at home and trying to stimulate lesbians and gays into fulfillment of potential. You can do it too when you decide you don't like what you've made for yourself. Nothing outside of you is going to change things for you: not the doctor, or the lawyer, or the priest, or the banker. You are the only real source of love and truth; and the reality of fulfillment can only operate through you.

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by Michael J. Maier  
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This is indeed an historic event and a great gesture of humanity, one well-needed for a decade which has taken on some rather non-humanitarian aspects. So, it is deflating to observe that much of the album's material is not thought out nor does it reflect either the pop/musical achievements of these giants or is it in line with their previous standards.

But, if success breeds success, then this album will sell and sell strongly on stardom even with the obvious absence of musical quality that diminishes the strength of this star-studded package. The album is not without a few drawing cards and a little of something for everyone. Bruce Springsteen brings to life an obscure Jimmy Cliff song "Trapped," which will undoubtedly rack up a great number of sales for this LP. Huey Lewis and the News unquestionably outshine every other act with a classic live version of "Trouble in Paradise," recorded in February at the Kabuki Theater in San Francisco. Even the Pointer Sisters bring around a fresh upbeat dance track called "Just A Little Closer," showing the consistent success formula of this group under the direction of producer Richard Perry.

Chicago, Steve Perry, and Kenny Rogers all give tracks that are far from their best works and are rather sub-standard cuts. Other mis-takes on taste include Tina Turner's "Total Control," a cover of past Motels' material, not reflecting the eminent talent of this Grammy-winning artist. "4 The Tears In Your Eyes," performed by Prince and the Revolution (His "Purpleness") is most monotone and images as if little or no effort were exerted in the recording of this no-thrill cut.

But by and large, the album's two main tracks are what brings the purpose together and the picture into focus allowing the feelings to flow. "We Are The World," co-written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, is simply a great happening and better described as a greater feeling that comes from listening to what has to be the most important and meaningful song of the past two decades. You can't help but cry or feel the song's very message within your heart and soul.

"Tears Are Not Enough," performed by Northern Lights, the Canadian aspect in this united war-against hunger and suffering, contains such northern-based well-knowns as Bryan Adams, John Candy, Corey Hart, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Anne Murray, Aldo Nova, Oscar Peterson, Mike Reno, and Neil Young. Just as beautiful as the US track, "Tears Are Not Enough" sums up the present situation very eloquently and with that Canadian/old-world feel.

In light of all the album's shortcomings, no cheer can go out for talent; but a note of gratitude and thanks is in order for these music headliners for their gesture of good will, humanity, and above all for making this world a greater place to live TOGETHER.

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## Grandfather's Cupboard

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Practitioner of

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(Note: This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: the old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselves in good health.)

### 17,487,239 Orgasms!

Cum is likely to be the part of the body least discussed in medical conversations. For myself, I have never seen it mentioned in orthodox medical literature except as 'seminal fluid' or in reference to sperm count. How often a man can shoot is not a topic of medical conversation.

During the late sixties, women began to take their sexual well being away from the orthodox medical people and began taking care of their genitals themselves. There began to be books written about 'women's things' by women. A couple of years ago, I recognized that orthodox medicine knew as little about men's genitals as they knew about women's. So I founded the Healthy Obelisk, a men's health collective. The objective is promoting male health. This may seem extreme, but when you consider that about half of men have their prostates surgically removed by age 50, it's not extreme at all. Orthodox medicine's response to men's sexual ailments is the same as its response to women's sexual ailments: "Cut it out!"

Cum from a healthy young man should be white and lumpy. If it is thin and runny and watery looking, something may be wrong. When a man passes 50 or after cumming several times in rapid succession, the cum will thin out. A healthy teenager can cum 5 to 10 times a day; a healthy 50 year old can cum three times a week. A healthy dick will rise spontaneously during youth and with a little urging in later years. Occasional periods of celibacy are acceptable.

Many men expect male menopause or impotence at 40. This is not sensible but rather a response to the sexual negativity of our cultural heritage. A Chinese doctor would consider male menopause a serious disease.

What to do? One very simple thing to do is eat English walnuts. Keep a bowl by your favorite chair and munch away. Crack them as you eat them so you can get them fresh from the shell. This will help you in many ways. First off, it increases libido and sperm count and the lumpiness of cum. Secondly, it helps control premature ejaculation.

Premature ejaculation is due to the body's inability to control energy release. A man should be able to hang onto his cum and enjoy his dick for at least 30 minutes of heavy sex, maybe even for 2 hours. Premature ejaculation is one aspect of the 'yang that rushes,' and walnuts are used to feed and control the yang energies.

Not all sexual disturbances are easy to heal with just walnuts. Ginseng is a favorite herb for raising a hard-on; a couple of grams a week are enough. Fo Ti is the Japanese name for an oriental herb for the liver and kidneys having the same effect. Ginseng and Fo Ti teas, taken on alternate days late in the afternoon (3 to 7 PM) is an old oriental remedy for a limp dick. It takes a couple of months to show results.

A good diet is also essential. You are what you eat and your sex organs won't work if they are not properly fed. A diet with a lot of variety of grains and flavors and vegetables is a necessity for erecting obelisks. Some foods that are especially good are buckwheat, oats, short grain brown rice, daikon radish, burdock root, dried beans of all kinds, seaweeds, hot peppers, onions, and garlic for starts.

I do not recommend meats because of the heavy chemicals that the animals are fed just before slaughter. Nor do I sponsor store-bought eggs and milk for the same reason. The chemicals in our supermarkets are deadly and sexless. If you can get organic meat, milk, and eggs, a little bit goes a long way.

Also, there is a book in print which describes Chinese sexual tantra practices. The description is entirely 'straight,' but that is only in America. Jolan Chang is the author, *The Tao Of Love And Sex* is the title and E.P. Dutton of New York is the publisher. I highly recommend the book. It is the first American glimpse of an ancient Chinese sexual medicine. The book will show you how to fuck for hours and enjoy it more. You will be pleased.

Finally, I would like to say that women long ago discovered that when their menstrual periods become irregular or abnormal, something is unhealthy in their bodies. So it is with men also. When the sex drive begins slipping away, the body is not well. This is because the energy of the body is expended to maintain health first and sex last. The loss of sexual energy (impotence) means that something is wrong somewhere else in the body, and it's time to pay attention to health matters. A healthy obelisk stands up; a sick one is limp.

A healthy male is born with 17,487,239 orgasms in his body and he has the right to enjoy every one of them.

## POETRY CORNER

by Sean Bailey

### The Swimmer

I met serendipity today!  
Waiting for the lecture film  
I bent to tie a shoe lace,  
But eyes riveted halfway  
there.  
Faded blue jeans, second  
skin,  
Cupped and molded your firm  
cheek!  
I swallowed fast my ready  
growl  
And urge to reach out face  
first,  
Then rose, erect, shoe lace  
still untied,  
To follow curves from leather  
jacket  
To pool-washed hair still  
damp.  
I had not noticed you before.

Again you were alone, blue  
eyes seeking,  
But another came between us  
at the door—  
You stepped into the moving  
crowd, were gone!  
Did someone wait ahead a  
pace for you?  
Lights lowered dimly and I  
found a seat,  
Dejected, disappointed and  
alone. Beside me  
Leather creaked. Chlorine  
scented aftershave!  
Heart trip-hammering, afraid  
to turn or breathe,  
I knew a serendipity again.  
Eyes unfocused on the screen  
before,  
Ears turned only to your soft  
quiet sounds.  
A movement. Elbows brush!  
Knees touch!  
Accident? Eyes meet in the  
half-day  
And smile. No serendipity.

### Chance Encounter

My heartbeat flutters again  
For there you come once more  
Jauntily along my path.  
This time it's no surprise.  
I knew you'd come this way,  
Hair water-slicked and  
Silver droplets on your  
collar.  
You see, I sought you out,  
Played my detective games,  
Planted myself, casual,  
here  
Book in hand against the  
wall.

Alone today, companions up  
ahead,  
At first you do not see me  
here  
Admire your walk over my  
unread book,  
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gait.  
As before you catch my  
breath.  
Closer now, you sense my  
stare;  
Blue eyes meet mine and  
hold  
An instant of a hundred  
dreams.  
My lips tremble and form  
the smile  
I've labored to perfect.

Crimson washes fresh across  
your cheek  
And your smooth flowing step  
now falters.  
But you continue onward.  
I watch you go without a  
word  
And to myself I smile again  
As I begin to formulate my  
plans  
For the next chance encounter.

### MORE LAVENDER

Dear Lavender,

I realize that it was wrong and I certainly know better. But what happened was that I was caught speeding in my car and got stopped by this certain cop. He was only doing his duty, and I don't hold it against him.

Well, to make a long story short. I ended up in the sack with said cop, and I hope to see him again sometime. He's a class act between the sheets.

My lover, Mack, is furious with me. He feels that since I hit the sack with said cop that said cop should have at least cancelled my speeding ticket. I don't agree. I was breaking the law and deserved to be punished. The fine, however, could have been lower, but that was the judge's fault, not said cop's.

Mack refuses to be mollified. Now he's even suggesting that I seduced said cop. I didn't. There was no seduction involved, merely an instantaneous chemical reaction between the two of us which was not to be denied. I'm sure you know exactly what I mean.

The whole thing is getting out of hand. I could sure use some of your suggestions to calm Mack down.

Paul  
(Palo Alto)

Paul,

So, why did you tell Mack about your chemical experiment? Some things which happen in life's laboratories are best left unreported. I think you deserve the mess you've gotten yourself into. Suffer, live, and learn.

You sound like you need a good hard slap with "said cop's" night stick! (And use whatever definition you prefer for the term "night stick.")



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## GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

### Toothpaste

I had scarcely recovered from rapture when Cupcake said, "This towel needs to be incinerated!" He held the little bed-side towel at arm's length as if with a pair of tongs.

"You're a real romantic! Anyone ever tell you that?" I said.

"I'm sorry, Uncle Tom," whimpered Cupcake, giving me his Bambi look and tossing the towel in the direction of our overflowing hamper. "But maybe you're over-reacting," he added.

"Soon as you've had your fun, you have to bring me down. You really know how to make my day!" I said, scowling.

"You're being sarcastic again," sniffed Cupcake. "You know how I hate sarcasm, Uncle Tom."

"Why didn't you do the wash last weekend? Or the weekend before? All you do is wash soaps and read your horoscope? If you're not going to look for work, at least you could do the wash!"

"I said I was sorry. Don't be cross, Uncle Tom," said Cupcake, trying to smooth things over.

"I'm not cross!" I shouted, heaving my legs out of bed, heading for the bathroom, and slamming the door behind me.

"We have a nice time in bed once a month, and he has to say something. Soon as he's had his fun. It's a conspiracy. That's what it is!" I fumed, blasting

my neck and shoulders with scalding water. "If only these twinkies would learn to keep their mouths shut!"

A hot shower usually makes me feel better. I take a lot of hot showers these days. "That Cupcake may not be very bright," I reflected, "but he has a gorgeous immune system. That's what counts these days. Not muscles, not looks, not brains. In the 80s, a good immune system is everything."

Meanwhile, back in the bedroom, Cupcake was asking himself, "Why should I bust my two little buns (cute, mind you) to find a job when I can live comfortably off this old fool? I spread my buns for him once a month (whether I feel like it or not) and what do I get? Precious little in the way of gratitude. He sure pisses me off! There's a limit to what I'll put up with. I know what!" (It was as if a light went on in Cupcake's attic.) "I'll hide his toothpaste! That'll show him!"

When I returned from the bathroom, I found Cupcake still in bed, our pink comforter wrapped tightly round his face. He was doing his "imitation of an uncut cock." I had to laugh.

"I oughta get up," he said.

"Yes, you really ought to get up," I agreed, drying off with one of his purple towels, part of a garish dowry brought with him on the bus from Cincinnati along with a dozen matching purple "ultra-sensitive" ribbed condoms with reservoir ends.

"Why don't we vote on it?" he suggested from inside his padded pink foreskin.

"Fine. I vote that you get up," I said. "How do you vote?"

"I vote to stay in bed. We're deadlocked!" said Cupcake, rolling himself into a tighter cocoon and giggling like a three year old.

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It wasn't till evening that I realized something was wrong, terribly wrong. My toothpaste was not in its customary place on the bathroom counter. This may not sound like enough to push a grown man over the edge, but wait till you hear the whole story.

It didn't take me long to find my Crest where Cupcake had hidden it in the linen closet. And when I did, I flipped.

"How dare he!" I fumed. "How dare he move my Crest and leave his Ultra Brite on the counter in its accustomed place! Did the crumpled tube of Crest offend his aesthetic sensibilities, whereas the flat tube of Ultra Brite did not? The Ultra Brite was just as ugly as the Crest! Why couldn't he see that? If he had removed both tubes from the counter, I would have understood."

"No, aesthetics had nothing to do with it. He had removed the Crest simply because it was mine!" I reasoned.

My next thought was, "He wants a confrontation. Well, if that's what he wants, he's not going to get it. I'm no fool! I'll just put the Crest back where it was. There!"

I decided not to listen to the cool little Voice inside my head that said, "You're over-reacting again. Let's control that over-active imagination, my friend. Cupcake has no intention of going to war with you over a silly tube of toothpaste."

"Oh, no? We'll see about that!" I shot back at the Voice. I slammed the Crest back onto the counter.

The next day (just as my paranoid imagination predicted), my Crest was nowhere to be seen. But Cupcake's Ultra Brite sat smugly on his side of the counter, as if taunting me. I lunged for it.

"This has gone far enough," I said, grinding my teeth and stuffing his Ultra Brite into the garbage disposal.

"That'll show him," I snarled. "That'll send him a message he can't fail to grasp."

Never saying a word (sly twinkie that he is), Cupcake pretended not to notice anything amiss in the bathroom. After helping himself to my Crest, he simply left it on the counter. I observed with cool detachment that his defiance knew no bounds!

"Okay," I said to myself. "Time to take off the gloves." I headed for the bathroom and Cupcake's grape-colored towels. I scooped up all six and shoved them under the bed.

When Cupcake finished watching "Dynasty," I waited with baited breath for him to notice his precious purple towels were missing. When he shut the bathroom door behind him, my heart nearly stopped. How would he react? Would he freak out? Would our secret war finally break into open combat?

He didn't say a word. Not one. Instead he pretended not to notice what I had done.

But the next day, I couldn't find my electric shaver. I went to work with five o'clock shadow on my face because Cupcake had hidden my Norelco in the trash compactor!

Five minutes after I'd let the air out of the tires on his car, Cupcake came charging into the house.

"You're crazy!" he said. "You're an absolute looney!"

"What's wrong?" I asked sweetly as I could.

"I want you to see a therapist," he said.

"You want me to see a therapist," I said. "You put toothpaste in the linen closet, and you want me to see a therapist!" I shrieked with maniacal laughter.

Next week we have our first meeting with the relationship counselor. He told Cupcake we should sit down and talk to each other. He wants us to talk about the toothpaste and the towels and my Norelco and Cupcake's tires. He probably thinks we're crazy.

Are we crazy? I ask you?

### Old Cars Have Advantages

by Sean Bailey

You can't beat a new car for the terrific upper it gives you. Suddenly you're a man in power; you're smug in knowing you've got the world by the tail. Who cares if you've had to hock your grandmother to get it? Or that you'll be paying for it through the next six lovers? For those first thousand or so miles, you feel as shiny and zippy as the paint job. Nope. There's no better tonic for most of us.

But let me tell you, there are some definite advantages in having an old falling-apart one. My '76 Chevy is a good example. It's rusted through here and there, even around the body putty I smeared in the holes last summer and through the undercoating that I never got around to painting. It looks like junk, but I don't worry about someone backing into me, and if I get to the car wash once a year, it will still get me from here

to there. Oh yes, it rattles and jiggles even on a smooth street. I've lost 5 pounds just going across town—so much for the diet! And, of course, I cough on the dust during a country excursion and arrive with a thin patina of grey. It's meant giving up smoking. My lungs just couldn't compete with both.

The greatest advantage is when something goes wrong mechanically. Now, I'm known as being all thumbs as a fix-it man; I've learned not to argue with a wrench. Let those who've mastered the art, who've earned their black belt in such confrontations have their way. Let them face the enemy under the hood, meddlesome goblins they are.

I wasn't much surprised when the old Chevy started to snort and cough at corners, sometimes even refusing to start at my prompting. "I think you need a choke adjustment," a friend suggested (and I started picturing deep throat and gag reflexes). "You better take it in." So off I went to the local neighborhood garage.

I pulled up to the appropriate bay, and out slouched the mechanic, and oh-my-God! A dream-come-true in grimy coveralls, all splendidly smelly of oil and sweat. "What's the problem?" his ground-in-grease fingers innocently grabbing his crotch. How could I answer that? I raised the hood and pointed, trying to keep from panting too obviously. "Ungh!" he grunted, the gutteral sound reminding me of someone two lovers ago. He walked around to look more closely at the air cleaner, then looked up at me with a question in his eyes. And eyes like honey velvet met mine, such a warm golden brown I melted, my knees turning to jelly. "I uh...it don't run good," I said, forgetting my education and training, only wanting to get closer to this rough-hewn god of the carburetor.

I caught my breath as he moved nearer still for a better look, his trim, muscular body stretching the fabric of his uniform as he leaned forward. And then, hold-your-hat, he bent over the fender to get at it. I choked on my tongue. Don't ask me how I controlled the urge to lean right over him! The tight, delicious buns! The strength of the legs! The shoulders rippling under the denim!

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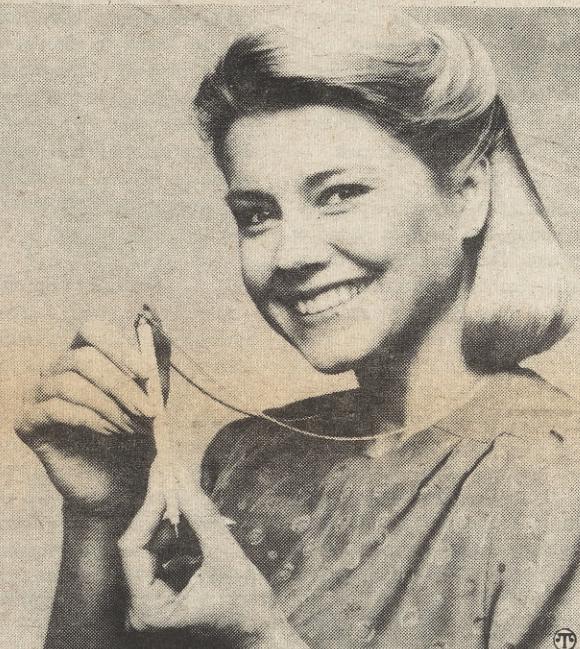
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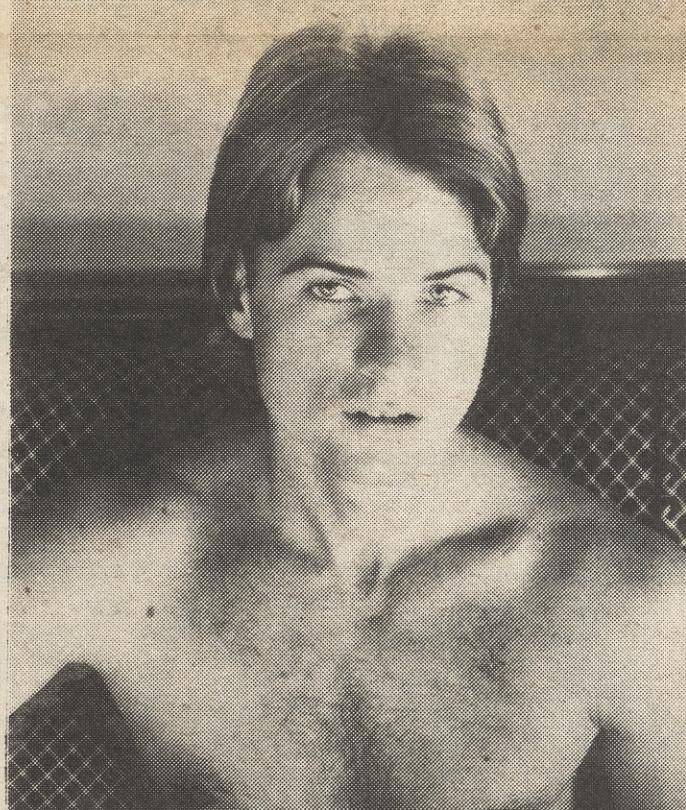
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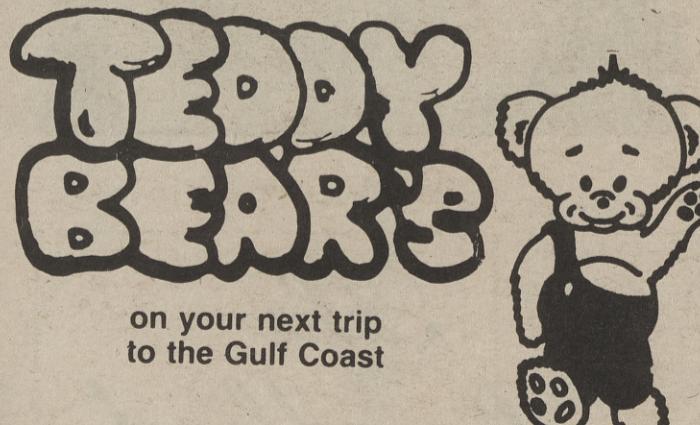
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### Gay/Lesbian Leadership Forum II

The second Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum was held recently in Washington, with representatives of 25 organizations in attendance. Workshops were held on AIDS and on fundraising, giving everyone a chance to exchange information and ideas and to identify issues facing our community. The AIDS program included discussion of legal, medical, and political aspects, while the fundraising session dealt with innovative methods of raising money to support our organizations. We were pleased to host this conference, as part of an on-going process to promote cooperation, communication, and coordination among the many segments of the gay and lesbian community. Attendees agreed to meet again September 12-13 to continue discussions on issues facing the community and to hold workshops for improving our skills.

### Congressional Reception

In conjunction with the Leadership Forum, GRNL joined the Human Rights Campaign Fund in hosting a Capitol Hill reception for members of Congress. The purpose of the event was to give people associated with GRNL, HRCF, and other organizations a chance to say "thank-you" to co-sponsors of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights bill and other legislation of interest to us. The highlights of the evening were brief talks by Senator Alan Cranston, (CAL), Representatives Barney Moss (MASS) and Henry Waxman (CAL), NOW Vice President-Executive Lois Reckitt, HRCF Co-Chair Vivian Shapiro, and Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Executive Ralph Neas. Representative Gerry Studds also dropped by briefly.

### GRNL Board Of Directors Meeting

Following the Forum and the congressional reception, the Lobby's Board of Directors met. The positive tone of the meeting was established in part by some good financial news. GRNL has received \$81,700 from the estate of a New York man who died in 1983. We will also benefit from a small annual income resulting from royalties on some of the deceased's writings. In practical terms, this legacy enables us to wipe out our existing debt and to move forward on a much sounder financial footing. Our need for funds remains great, however, inasmuch as our projected operating

costs continue to exceed our anticipated revenues. Nonetheless, this news was an important psychological (as well as tangible) boost for us.

Apart from finances, the Board discussed various policy issues and revised plans for implementing our lobbying program. We will be hiring a development director, and, with the income so generated, a full-time lobbyist. We reported progress on the legislative front (discussed below), and Representative Barney Frank dropped in just in time to give an immigration update.

Finally, there was discussion of proposals to re-organize the structure of the national Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights movement, and representatives were appointed to begin talks along those lines with other national organizations. I will provide information on the progress of these talks as they develop.

### Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill

HR 230—the House of Representatives version of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill—now has 60 co-sponsors. We are pleased to announce the addition of the most recent co-sponsor, Lindy Boggs of Louisiana, who has signed on for the first time. The Senate bill is due to be introduced in April by John Kerry of Massachusetts, and this bill is likely to provide the same broad coverage as the House version. We are still looking for additional co-sponsors in both chambers, and I encourage you to write letters to your own senators and representatives. A personal letter from a constituent can have surprising results on an issue which generates relatively little mail to a congressional office.

### Immigration Reform

We have met with Representative Barney Frank to discuss strategy for overturning the exclusion of gays traveling or migrating to the U.S., but it is too soon to say what will happen in this area. Representative Frank indicates that his exclusion bill will be considered by the Immigration Subcommittee either this summer or in the fall.

### AIDS Funding

Our community's efforts to get increased funding for AIDS prevention and treatment programs in the FY 86 Federal budget got an important boost in a report issued by the Office of Technology Assessment in February. The report criticized the Department of Health and Human Services for not ensuring that adequate resources be devoted to these programs, despite repeated requests from Public Health Service agencies for

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larger sums. Last February, the report was the subject of hearings before the House Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, and committee staff members predicted that the OTA report will help in the battle for greater funding of AIDS research and of community-based prevention and education programs. While we will continue working with other organizations in pushing for greater funding, here again letters to key members of Congress supporting our efforts would be helpful. I urge you to contact us for copies of a sample letter and for names of members serving on House and Senate health-related committees.

### Publications

I want to let you know of two new publications which should be of great help to our community. The first is an ATTORNEY'S DIRECTORY, published by Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, a legal support group operating in the New England area. For copies, write to PO Box 218, Boston, MA 02112. The second, LESBIAN AND GAY ISSUES: A RESOURCE MANUAL FOR SOCIAL WORKERS is available from the National Association of Social Workers, Inc., 7981 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

### Field Associates

As our contact people in each Congressional District, Field Associates play an invaluable role in the work of our Capitol Hill operation. They are responsible for generating calls and letters from their representative's constituents when we need them in order to bolster our direct lobbying efforts. The Associates pay personal visits to the members' local offices and, when possible, the Capitol Hill offices, and they are kept informed of our work through monthly newsletters. We are currently seeking Field Associates in several districts, and I strongly urge you to write to us for an application if you or someone you know might be willing to provide this essential service to the Gay Rights National Lobby.

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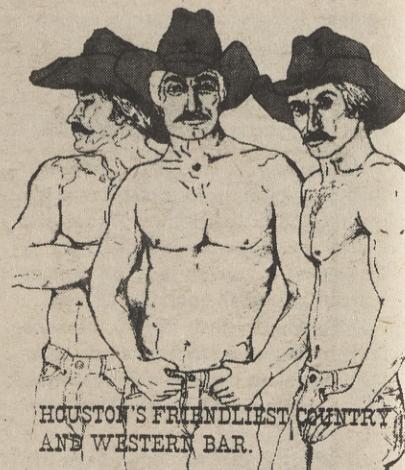
I will be reporting back to you next month in this space concerning grassroots lobbying, issues update, and my upcoming travel plans. I am visiting several areas of the country over the next several months. If you or your organizations are interested in meeting with me, holding a fundraiser, or participating in other joint projects, please contact me.

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The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) now says that nitrites are no longer considered harmless to the immune system. And recently the Los Angeles AIDS Task Force issued an unequivocal warning to people at high risk of being exposed to the virus: Stop using poppers.

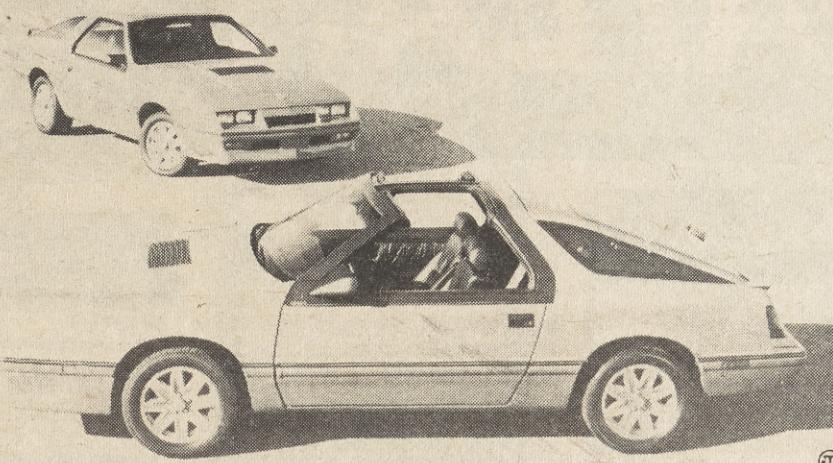
The chemical can be hazardous in at least three ways, various researchers report. It can suppress the immune system; it can produce cancer-causing chemicals in the body, called nitrosamines; and it dilates the blood vessels, possibly making it easier for the virus to enter the body.

Researchers believe the disproportionate rate of Kaposi's Sarcoma among gay men with AIDS may be due to the fact that poppers have been found to hamper the ability of certain cells to fight off the cancer. This discovery was made by researchers at the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Their study concludes that "isobutyl nitrites should not be used by man."

Manufacturers of the chemical claim that exhaustive government tests have removed any shadow of doubt regarding a potential health hazard. In 1983, when San Francisco was conducting hearings on an ordinance requiring a posted warning wherever poppers were sold, the maker of two popular brands testified that his products had passed "what is probably the most thorough screening given any consumer product available today."

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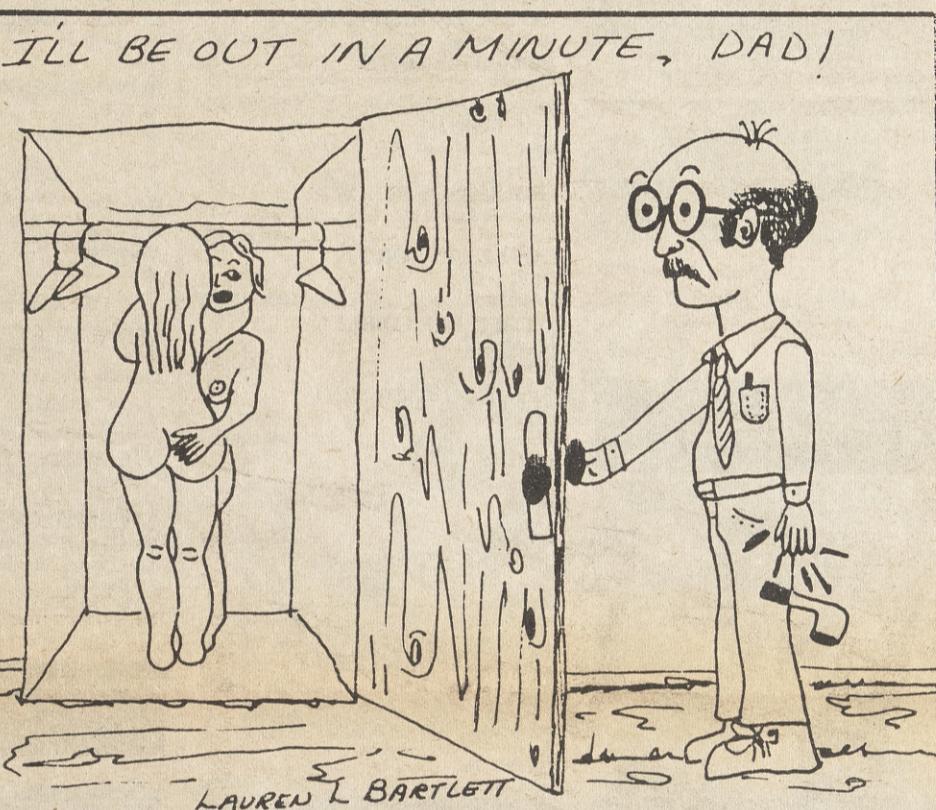


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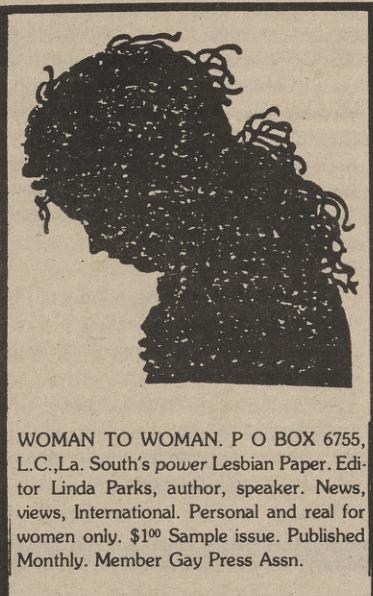
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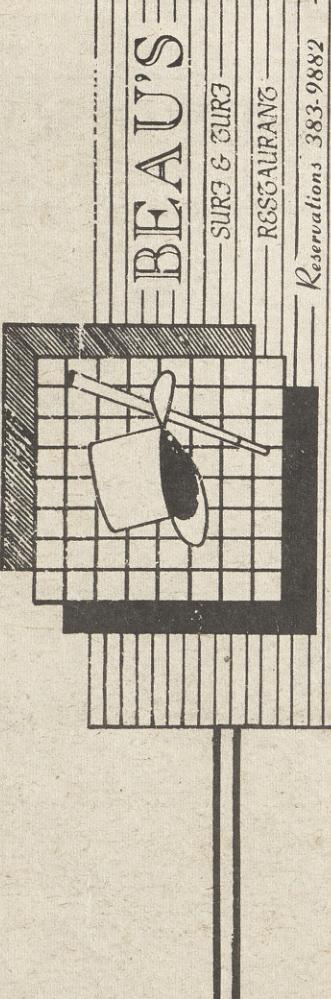
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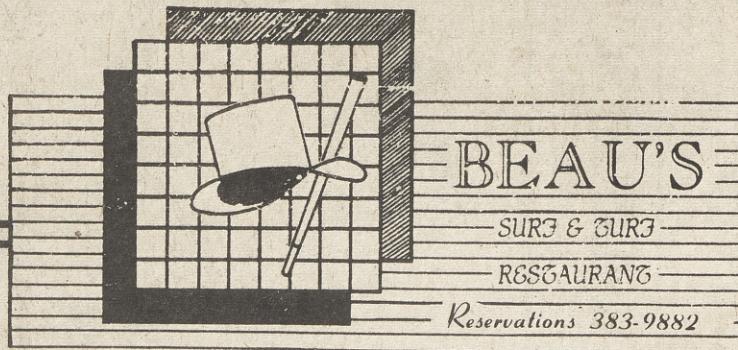
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